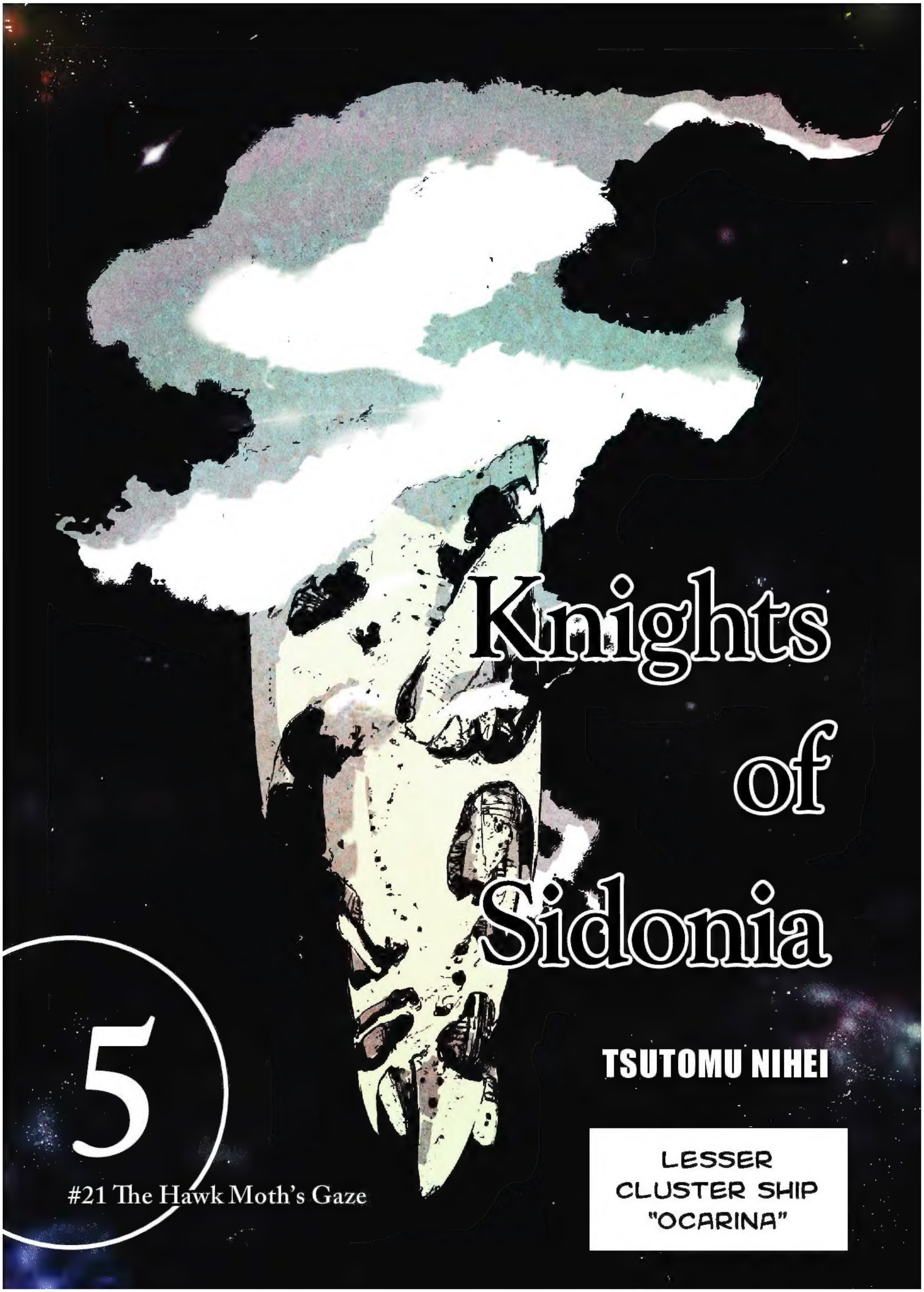
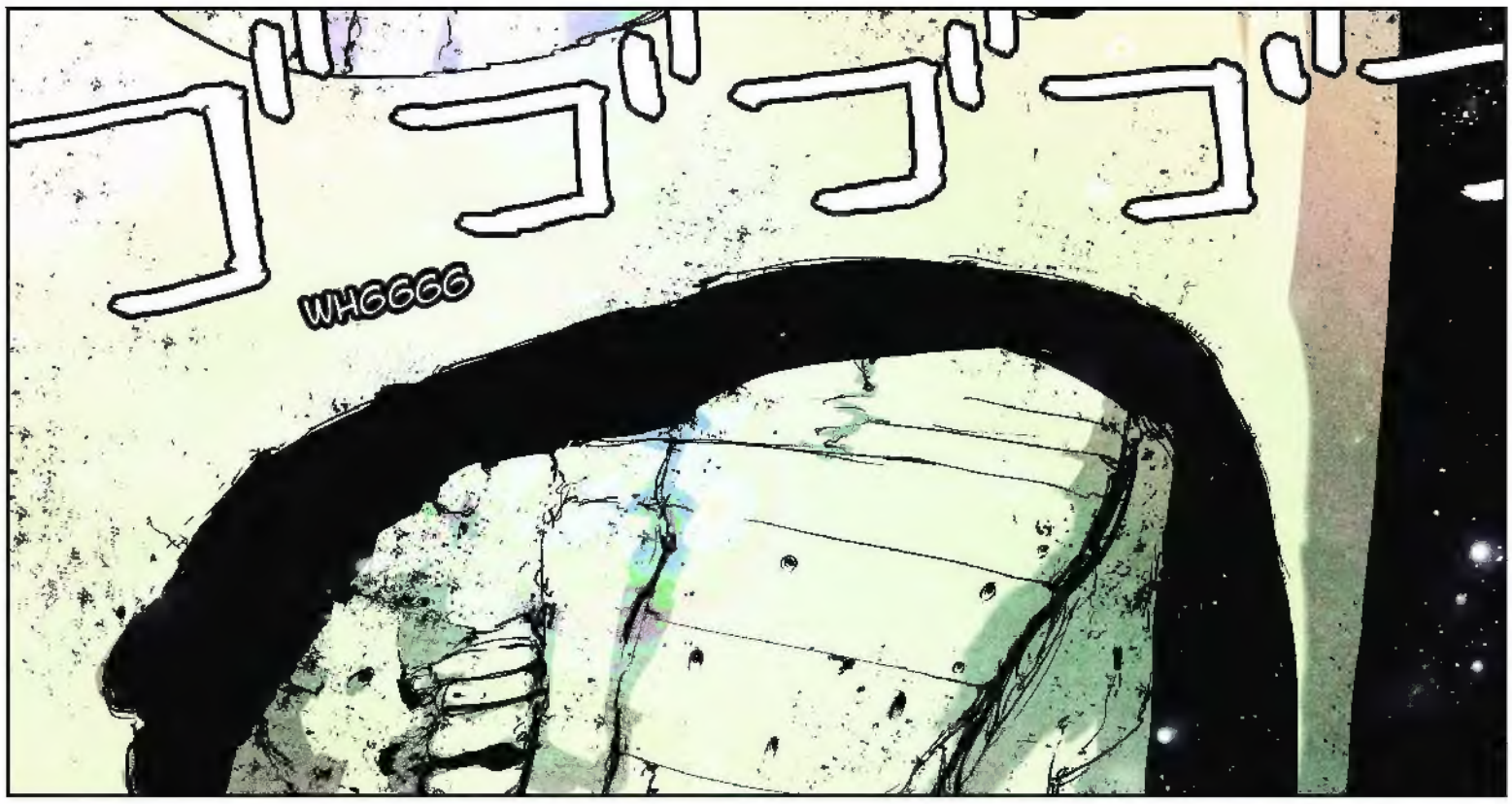

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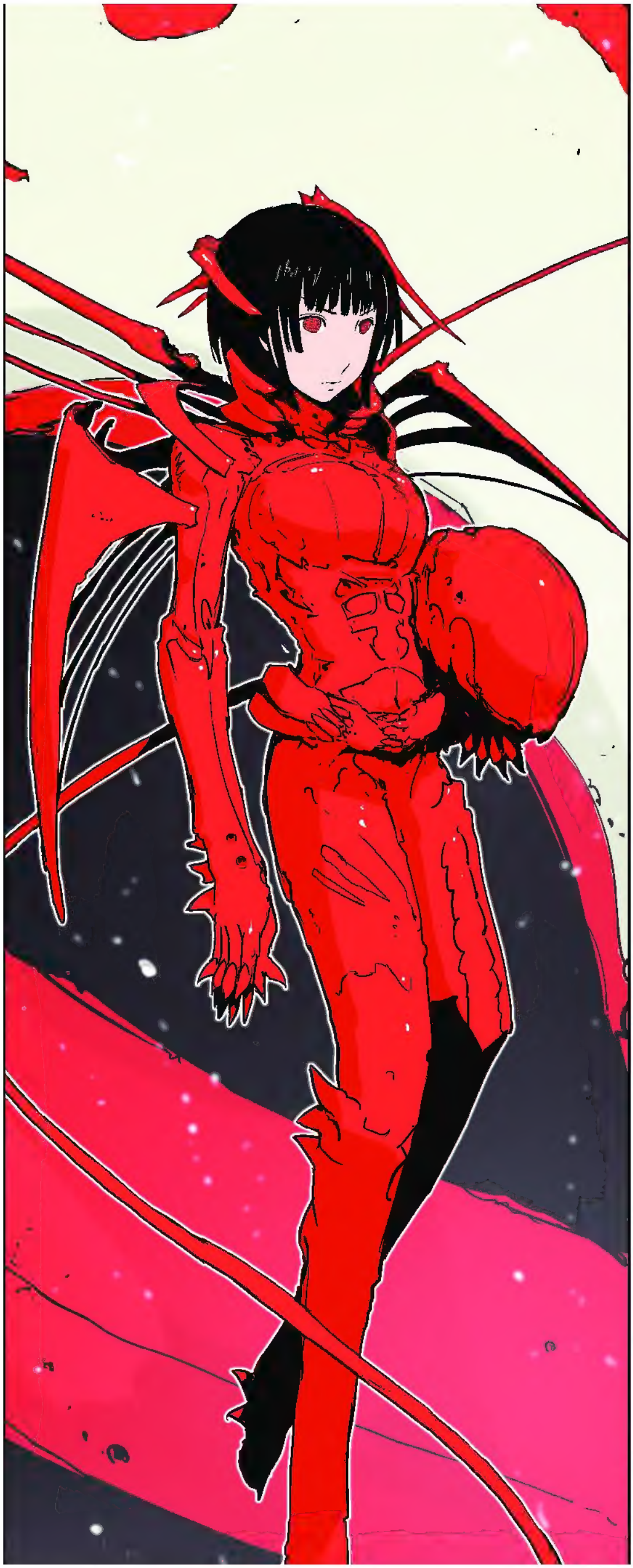

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CLUSTER SHIP
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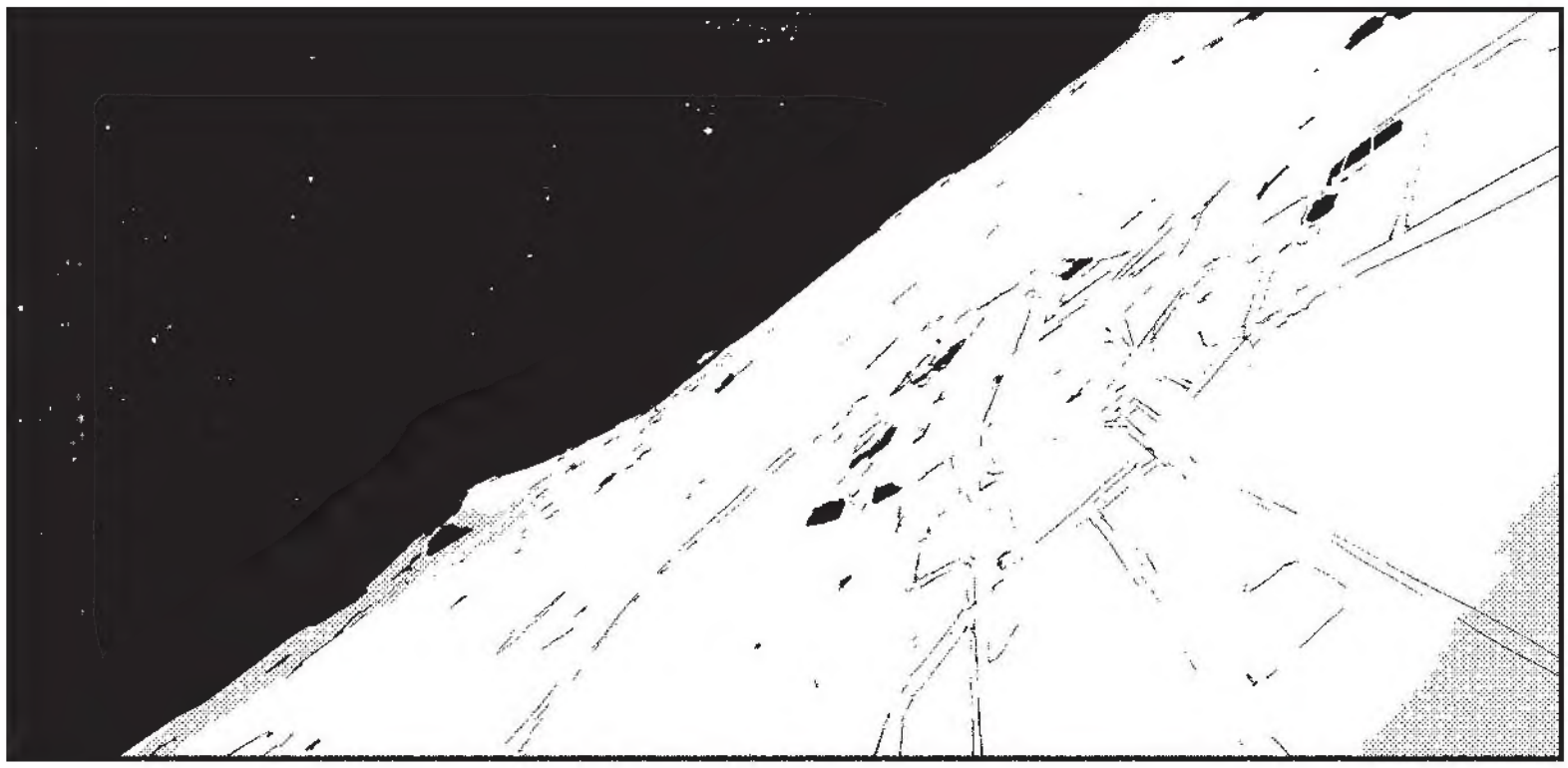


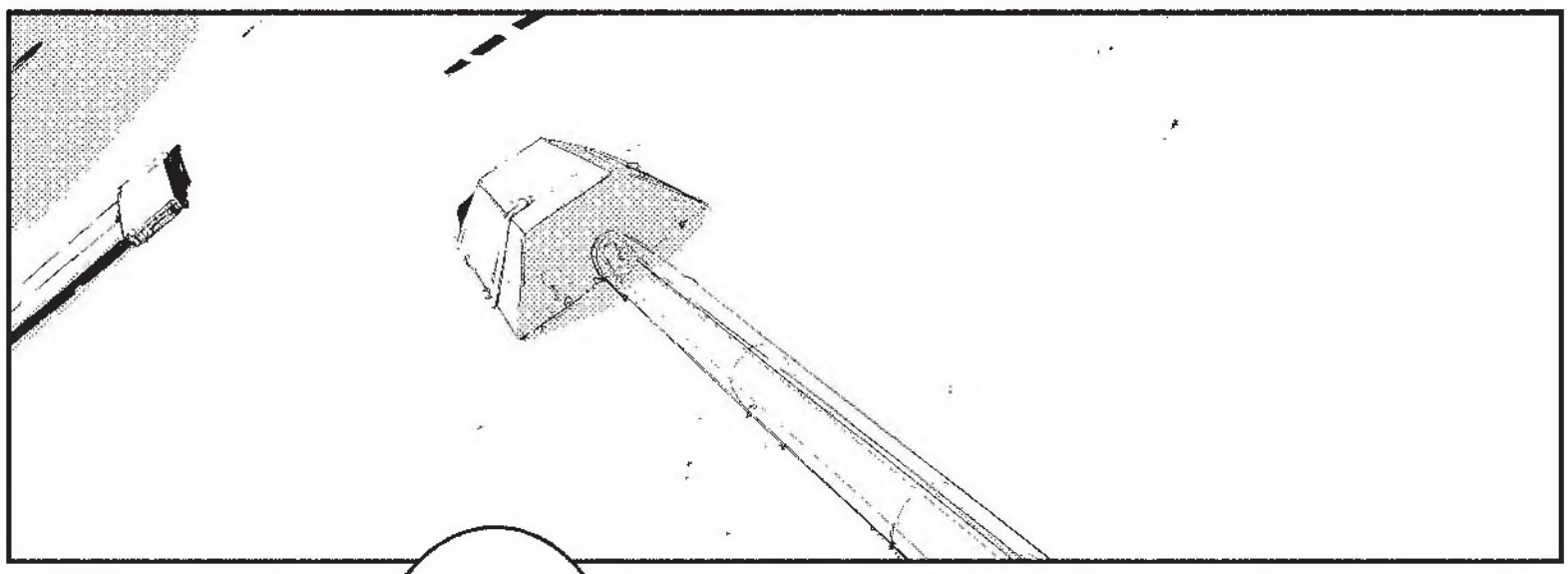

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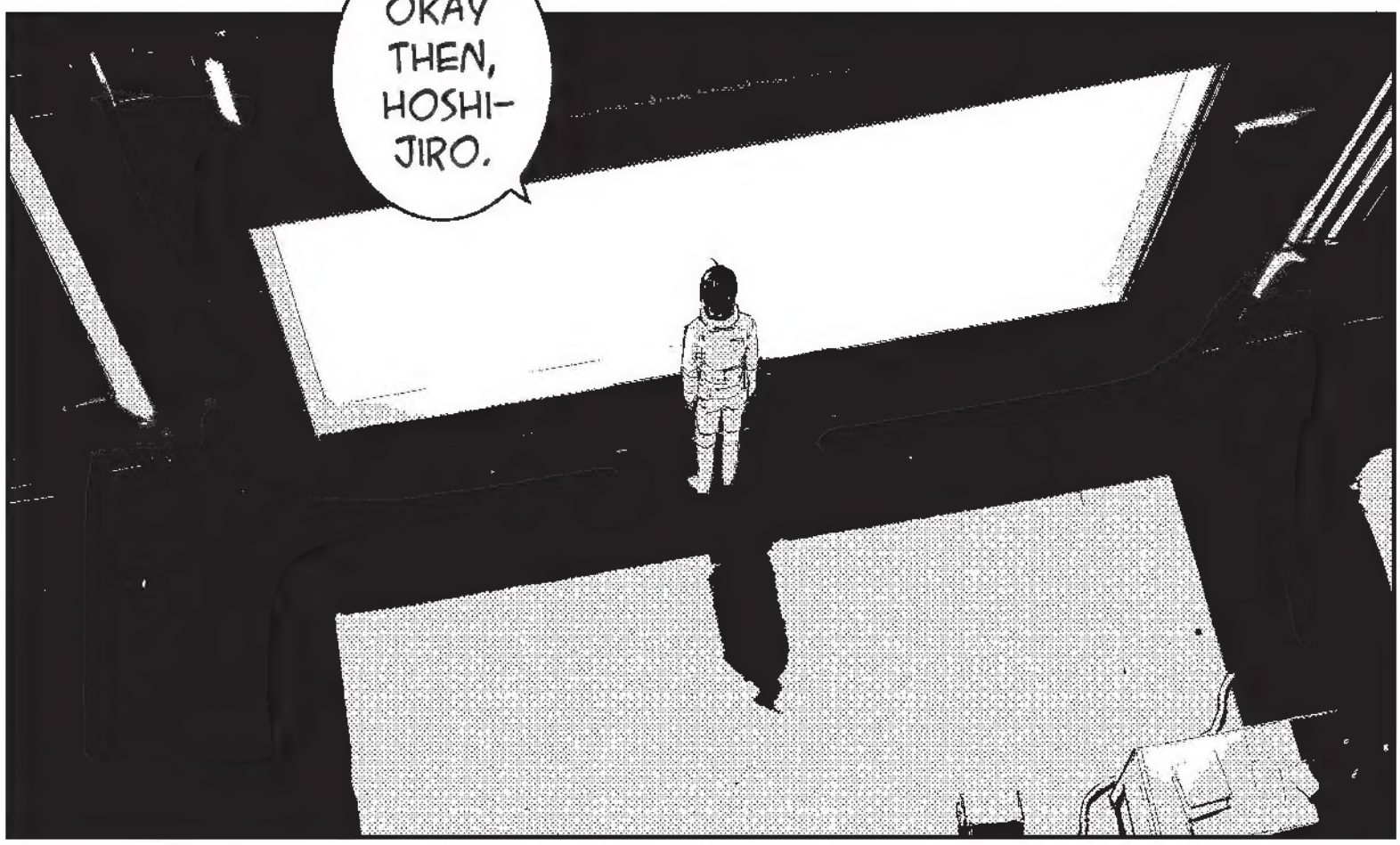

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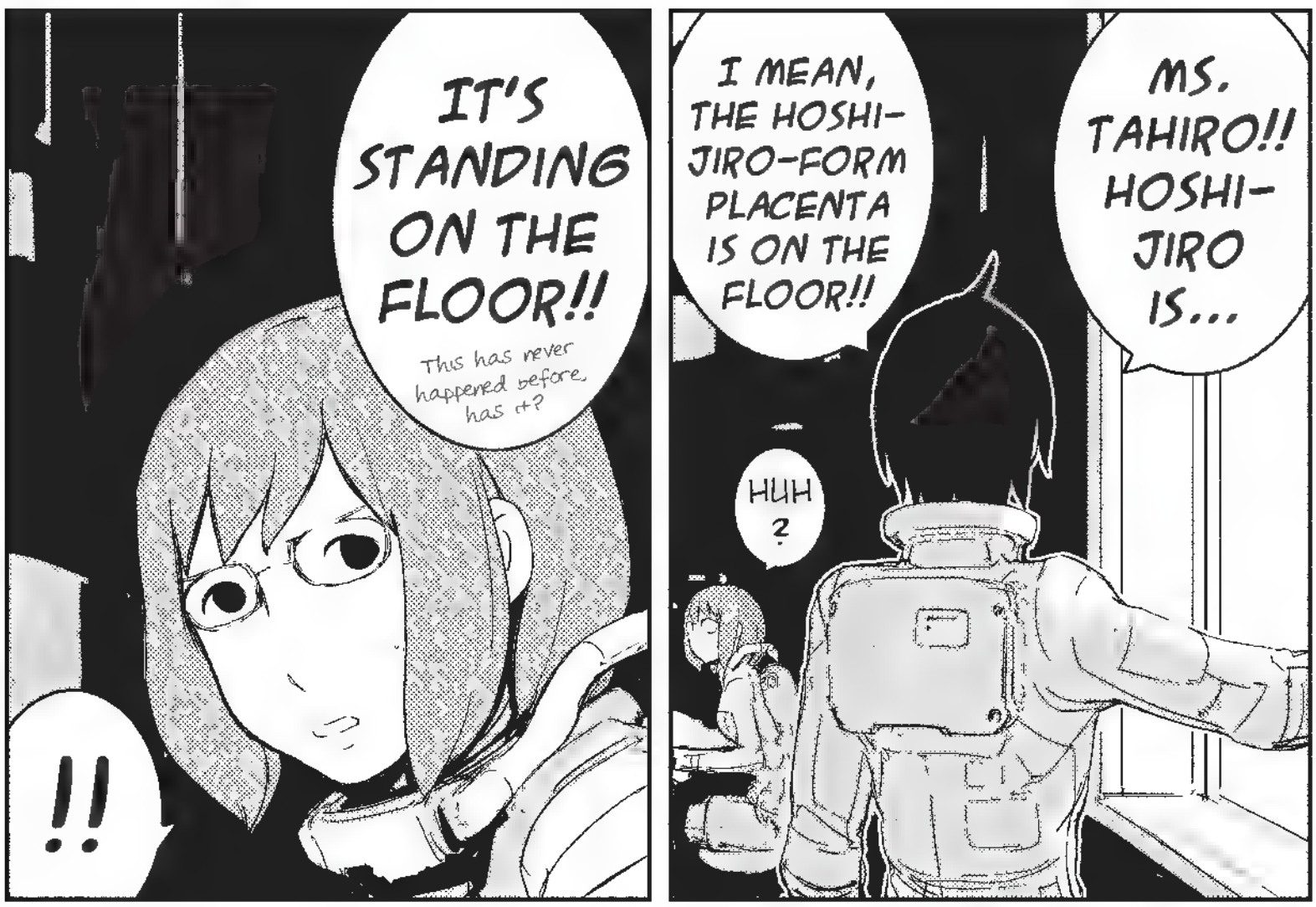

OKAY THEN, HOSHI-JIRO.

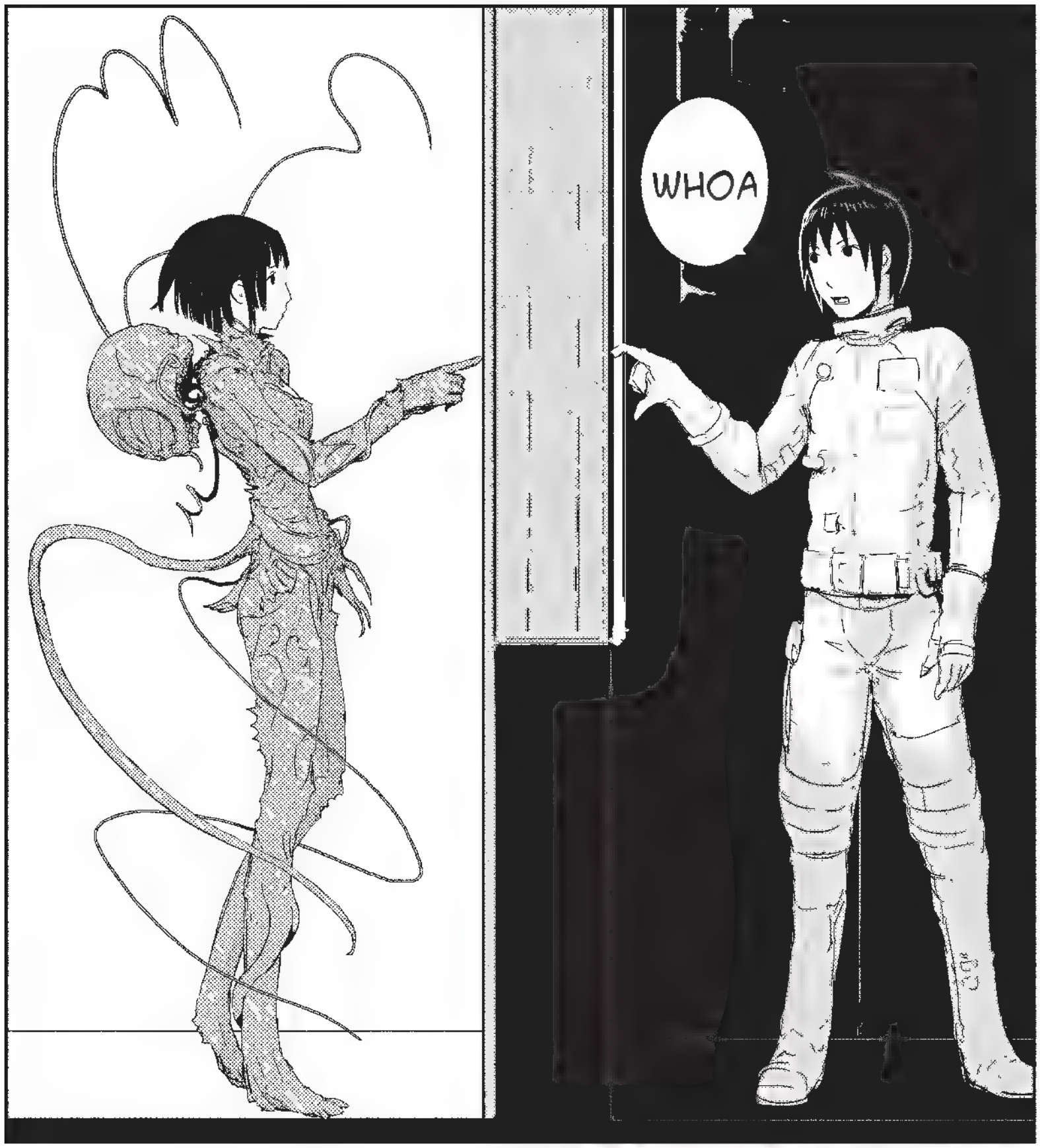
GOOD BYE.

I'LL COME AGAIN.

FWUP

SET


!!
IT'S STANDING ON THE FLOOR!!
This has never happened before, has it?
HUH?
I MEAN, THE HOSHI-JIRO-FORM PLACENTA IS ON THE FLOOR!!
MS. TAHIRO!! HOSHI-JIRO IS...


WHOA


WHOA

TANIKAZE... I'M SORRY TO SAY THIS WHEN WE'RE THE ONES WHO ASKED FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

BUT LET ME REMIND YOU.



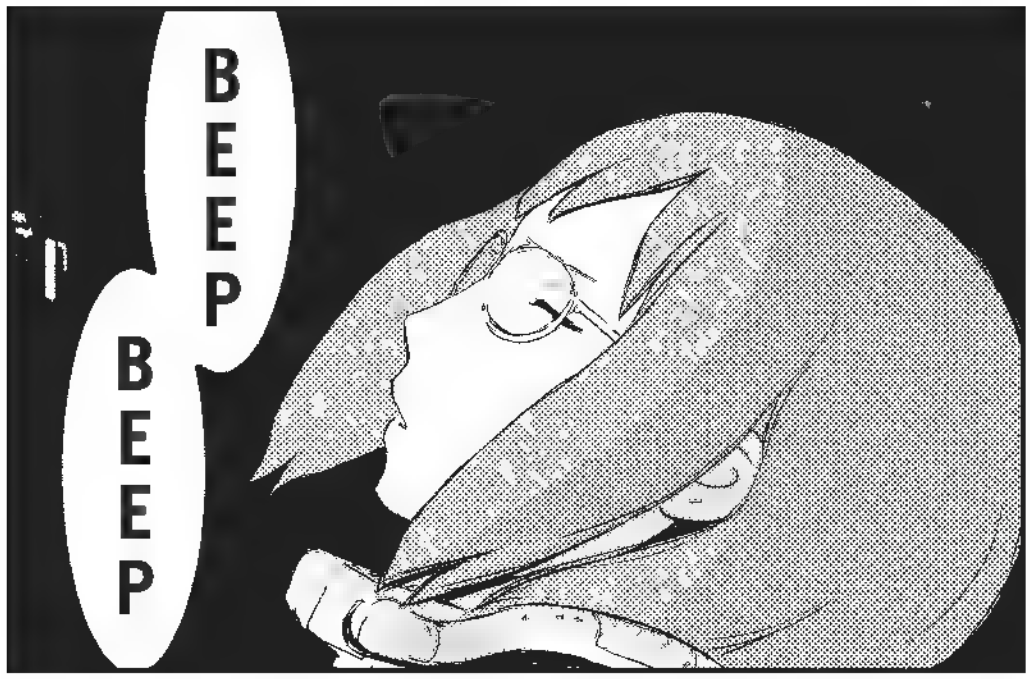
IT MAY BE HARD TO ACCEPT, BUT NEVER FORGET THAT, OKAY?

IT'S A SPECIMEN OF GAUNA FLESH, "PLACENTA," IN A CONTAINMENT TANK.

EVEN IF THIS PLACENTA GAINS ALL THE MEMORIES OF MS. HOSHIJIRO BEFORE HER DEATH, EVEN IF IT BEHAVES JUST LIKE A HUMAN,

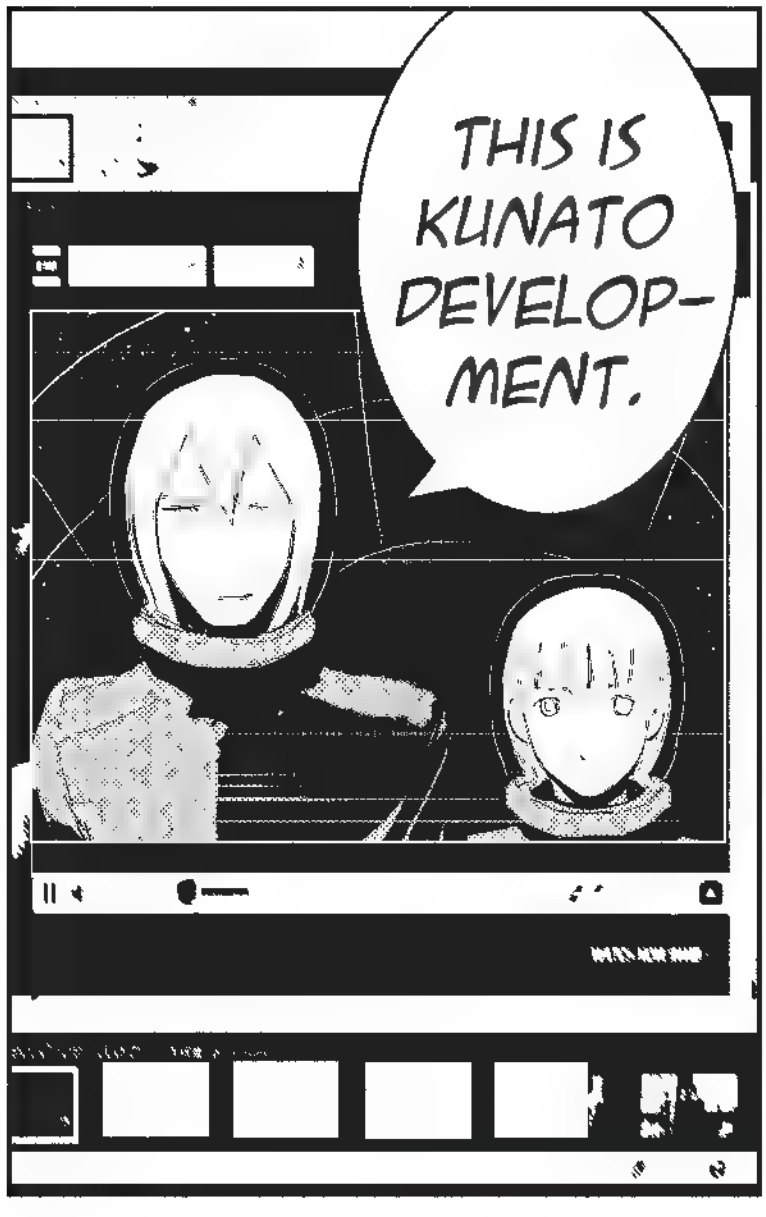
WE STUDY GAUNA HERE.




BEEP
BEEP




AH! I NODDED OFF!


THIS IS KUNATO DEVELOP-MENT.


INTERCOM CALL
BEEP


YES.
CLIK

YOU MEAN NOW? THAT'S ODD. DID I RECEIVE ANY NOTIFICATION OF THIS?

WE'VE COME TO OBSERVE THE PLACENTA SPECIMEN.

HUH ?

COULD THERE HAVE BEEN SOME SLIP-UP?

THIS TIME WAS APPOINTED WHEN I PUT IN MY REQUEST FOR THE VIEWING.

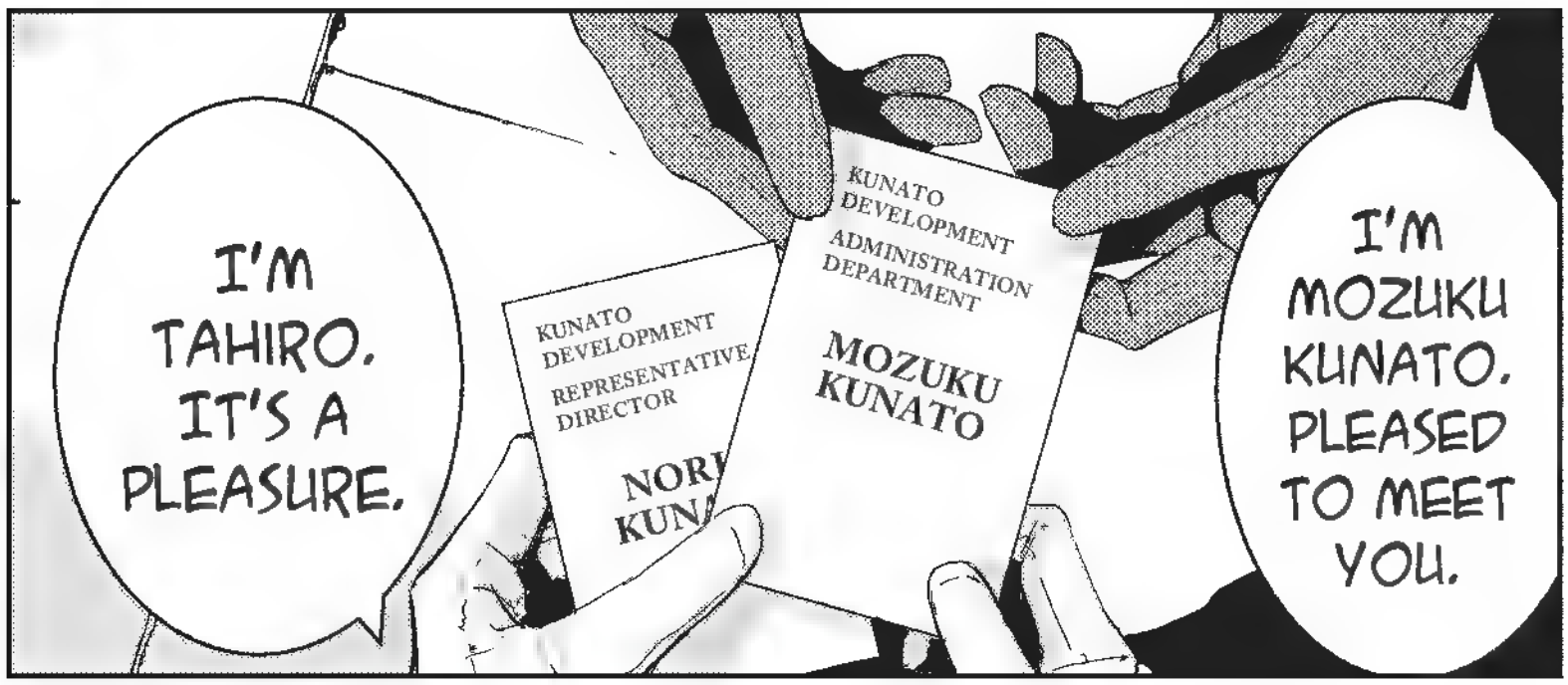
WE'LL REAPPLY AND COME ANOTHER TIME.

MY APOLO-GIES.

OH, IT'S TRUE. PERMISSION'S BEEN GRANTED ...

ARE YOU MR. KUNATO, THE PILOT ?

WAIT.


I'M TAHIRO. IT'S A PLEASURE.
KUNATO DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE DIRECTOR
NORI KUNA
KUNATO DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
MOZUKU KUNATO
I'M MOZUKU KUNATO. PLEASED TO MEET YOU.


I SEE... YOU'VE TAKEN UP THE REINS, THEN...
WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR FIRM.
WHILE WE MAY HAVE SHRUNK IN SIZE, WE HAVE A BUSINESS ALLIANCE WITH TOHA AND WILL CARRY ON WITH WEAPONS RESEARCH.
MY FATHER PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY THE OTHER DAY...

BUT I'M GRATEFUL TO BE ABLE TO KEEP AT THE VITAL ENDEAVOR THAT IS WEAPONS RESEARCH.

WE MERELY SUBCONTRACT FROM TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLY PARTS,

OH, IS THAT SO... I'M SO SORRY...

YOU'RE TRUSTY FOR YOUR AGE.

I INTEND TO DEDICATE MY LIFE TO IT JUST LIKE WHEN I WAS A PILOT.

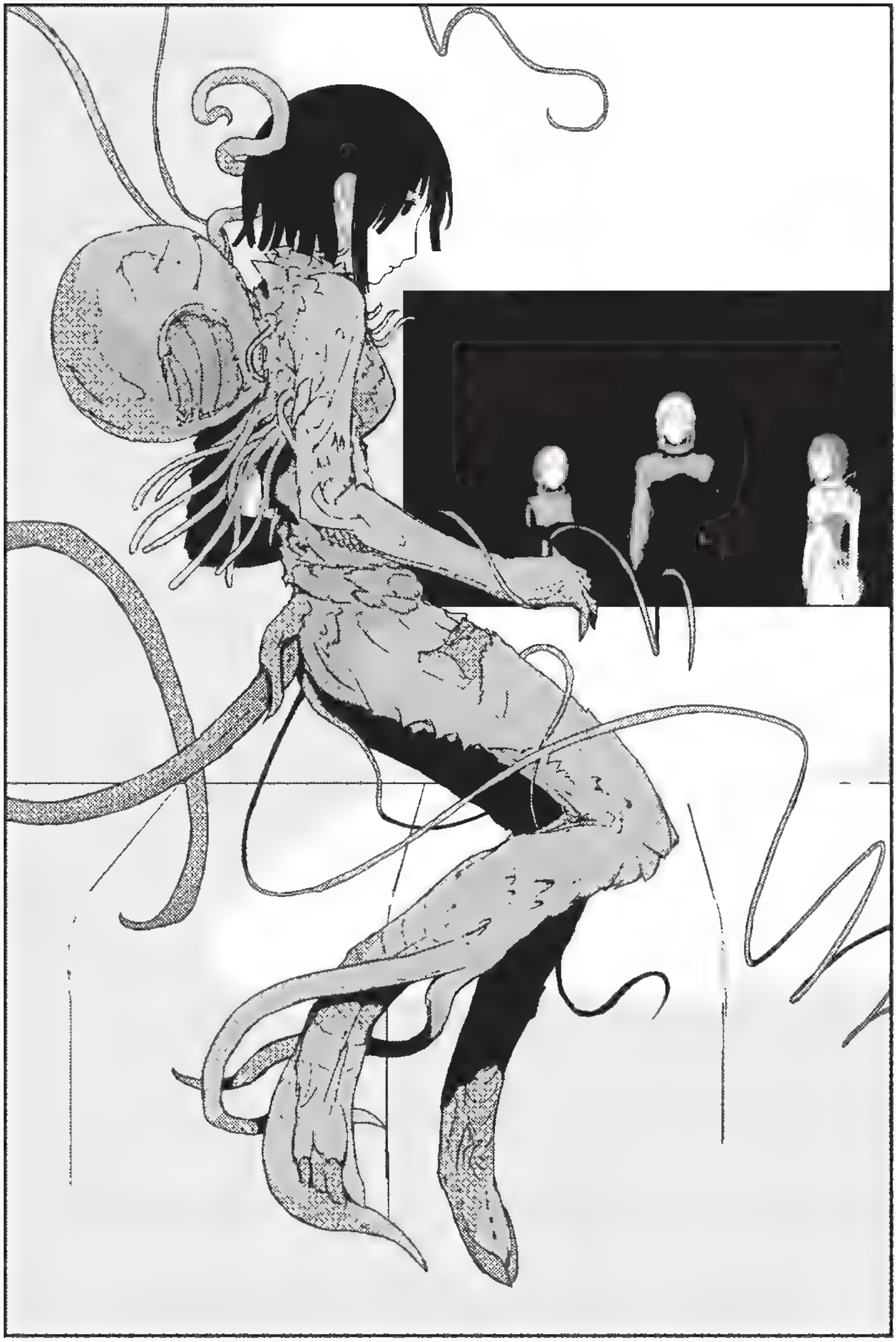
COULD I ASK YOU TO SHOW US THE HUMANOID PLACENTA ?

I MUSTN'T TAKE UP TOO MUCH OF YOUR TIME.

YES. THIS WAY.

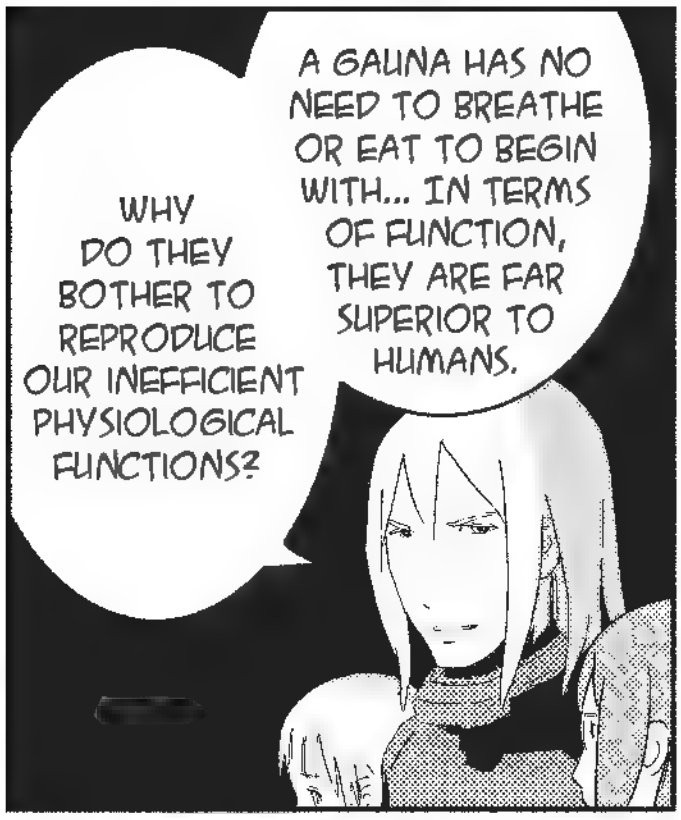
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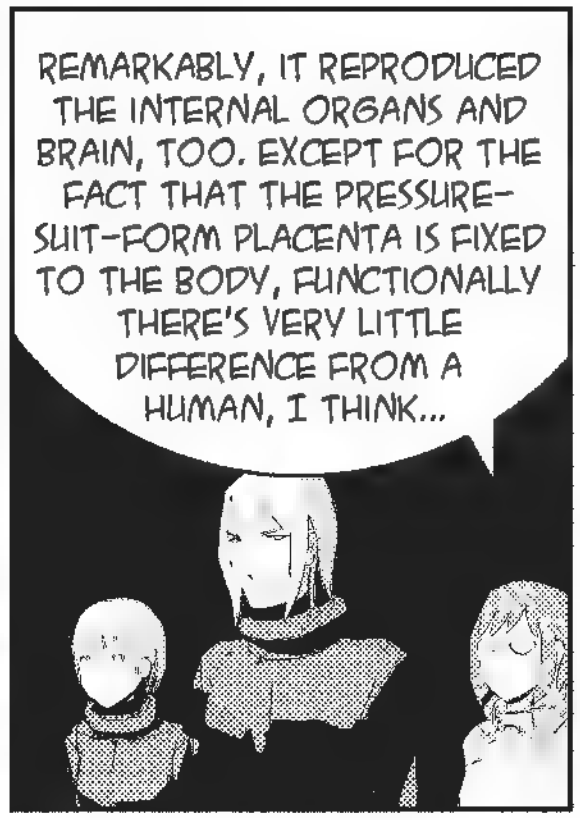
HEH HEH HEH






HOW VERY WONDERFUL... ONE COULD NOT WISH FOR A BETTER MAKEUP...
IT'S NOTHING IF NOT HUMAN.


A GAUNA HAS NO NEED TO BREATHE OR EAT TO BEGIN WITH... IN TERMS OF FUNCTION, THEY ARE FAR SUPERIOR TO HUMANS.
WHY DO THEY BOTHER TO REPRODUCE OUR INEFFICIENT PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS?


REMARKABLY, IT REPRODUCED THE INTERNAL ORGANS AND BRAIN, TOO. EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT THE PRESSURE-SUIT-FORM PLACENTA IS FIXED TO THE BODY, FUNCTIONALLY THERE'S VERY LITTLE DIFFERENCE FROM A HUMAN, I THINK...


WISH ?
AH, NOTH-ING.

WE HUMANS MUST ALTER OUR WAYS AS ORGANISMS.

EVERY TIME I SEE A GAUNA, I THINK

I BELIEVE THAT IF INDIVIDUALS PURSUE PHYSICAL ENHANCEMENT AND BECOME UNAGING AND IMMORTAL, WE WON'T WORK AS WELL AS A SPECIES.

...I'VE HAD MANY DISCUSSIONS ON SUCH TOPICS IN THE PAST.

A SINGLE PERFECT LIFE FORM WITH AN EVERLASTING BODY MORE ROBUST THAN A STAR OUGHT TO SUFFICE.

ONE MIGHT SAY

HUH ?

RIGHT, THE GENERAL CREW DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE IMMORTAL CREW.

AHAHA- HAHA

IT NAUSEATES ME TO PICTURE SUCH A PRIMITIVE, POINTLESSLY NEEDFUL LIFE FORM DIFFUSING ALL OVER A UNIVERSE IN THE ABSENCE OF THREATS LIKE THE GAUNA.

THE CONCEPT OF SPECIES IS SO OUT OF DATE.

THAT YOUR KIND IS COVERED IN THE STINK OF ROTTING FOOD AND DISCHARGES EXCREMENT EVERYWHERE YOU GO, SLOB!!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ...?

HEY, WHAT ...

I'LL CALL PEOPLE.

...

SHNKK

GONK

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THUP

CHNK

SADLY, YOU'LL NEVER CONTROL THAT BODY OF YOURS ON YOUR OWN AGAIN.

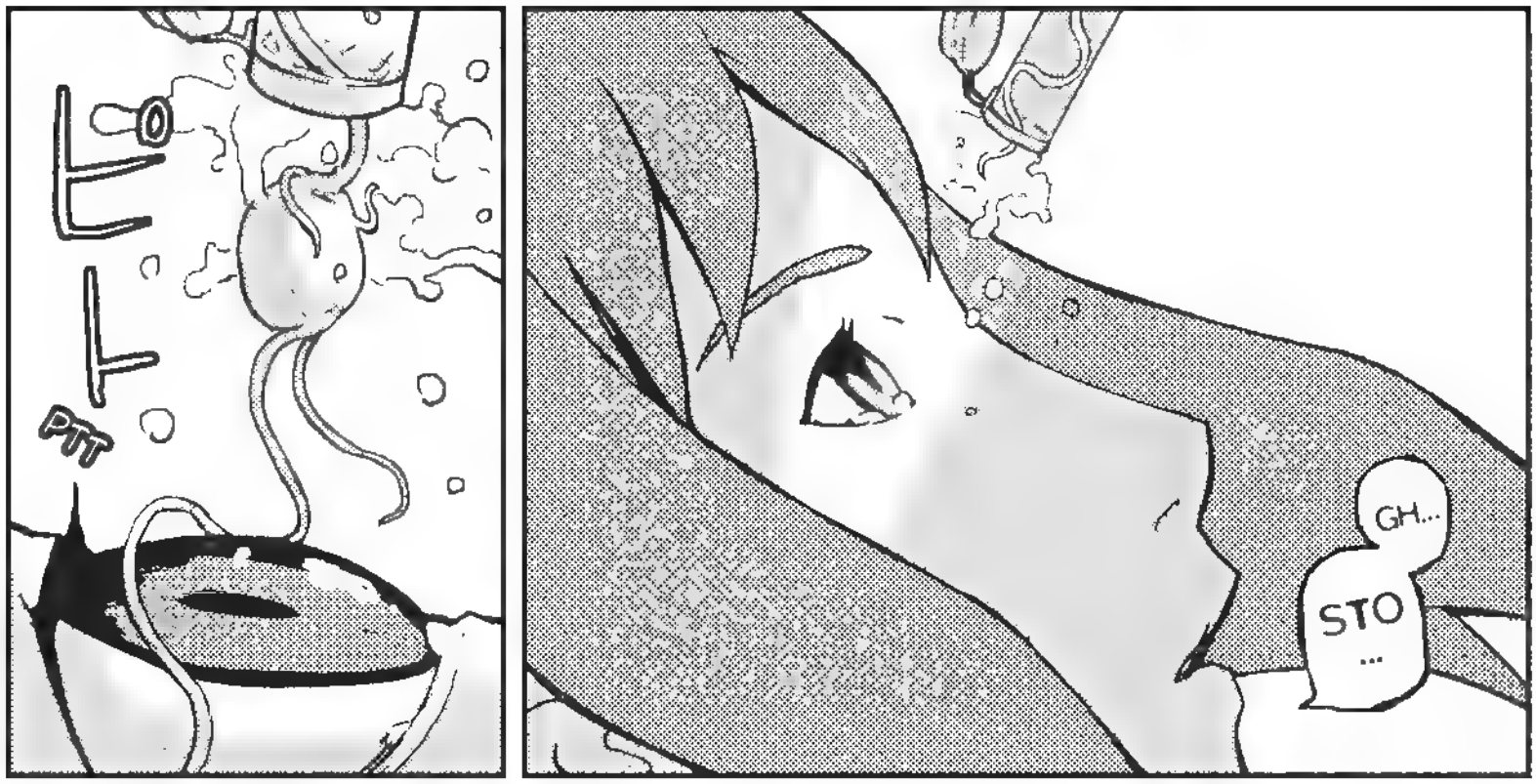
CAN'T MOVE ?

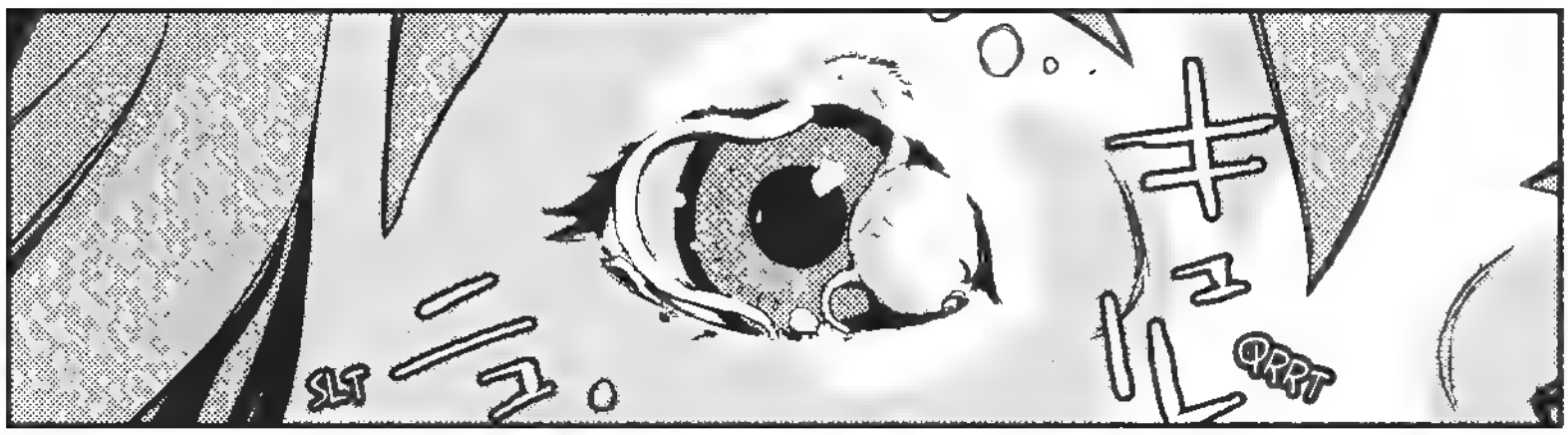
AT THIS SIZE IT CAN FULLY TRANSCRIBE UP TO A HUMAN BRAIN OR AI.

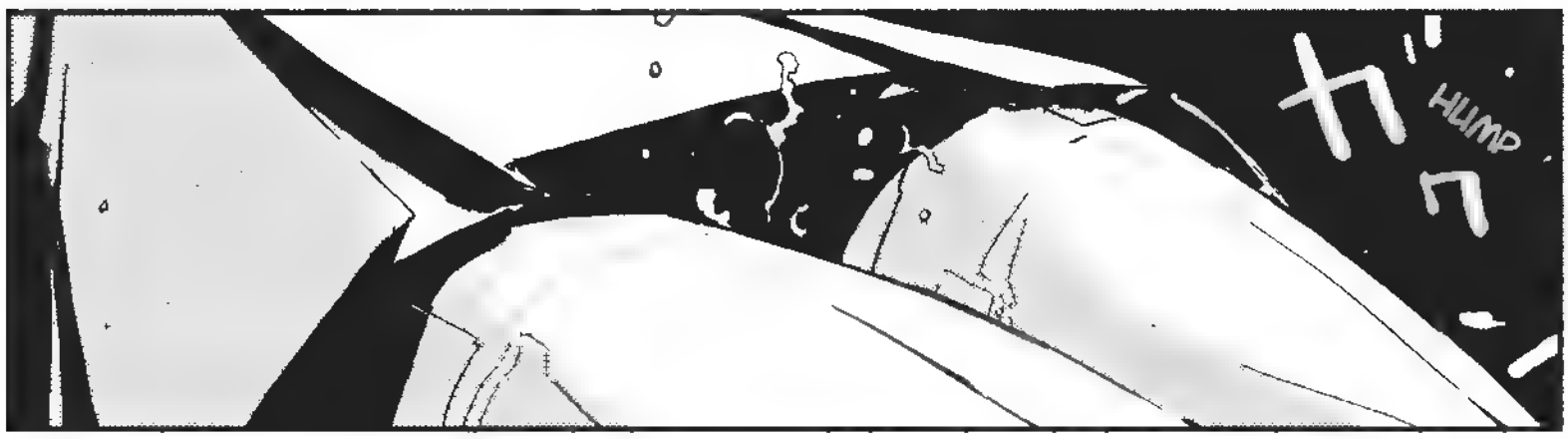
WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS?

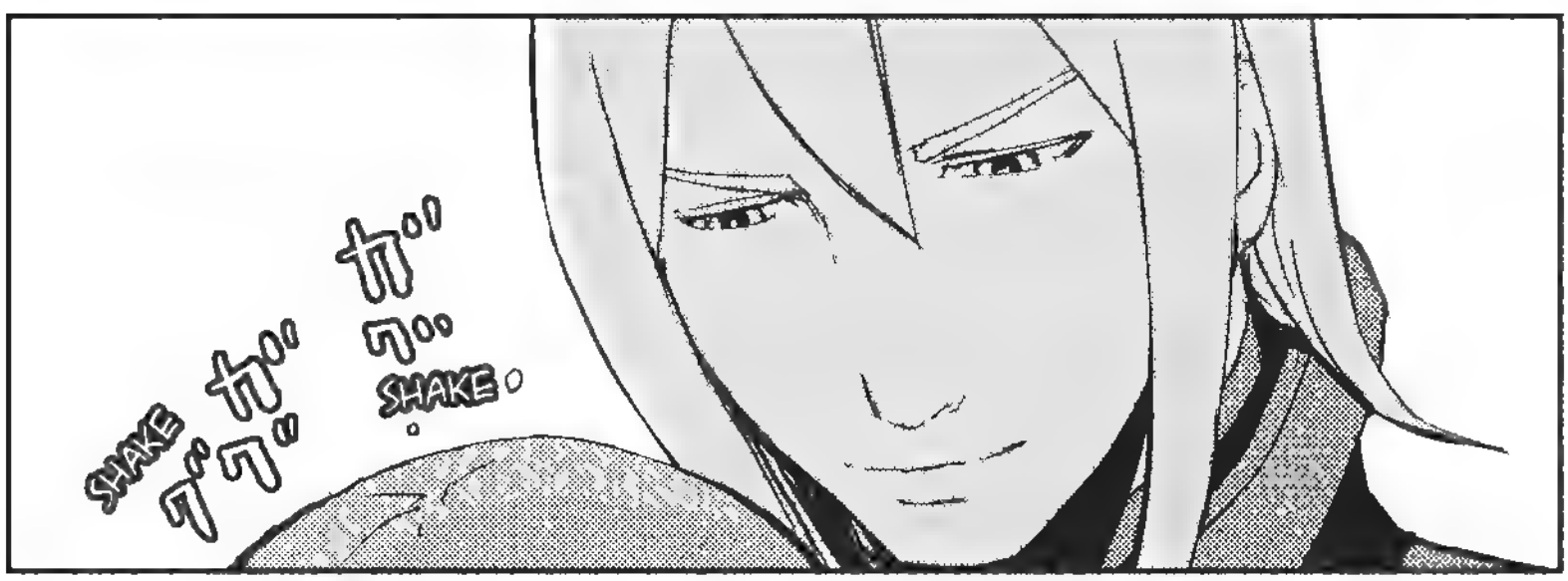
IT'S A "SIDONIAN NEMATODE," A PARASITIC ORGANISM THAT I CREATED.

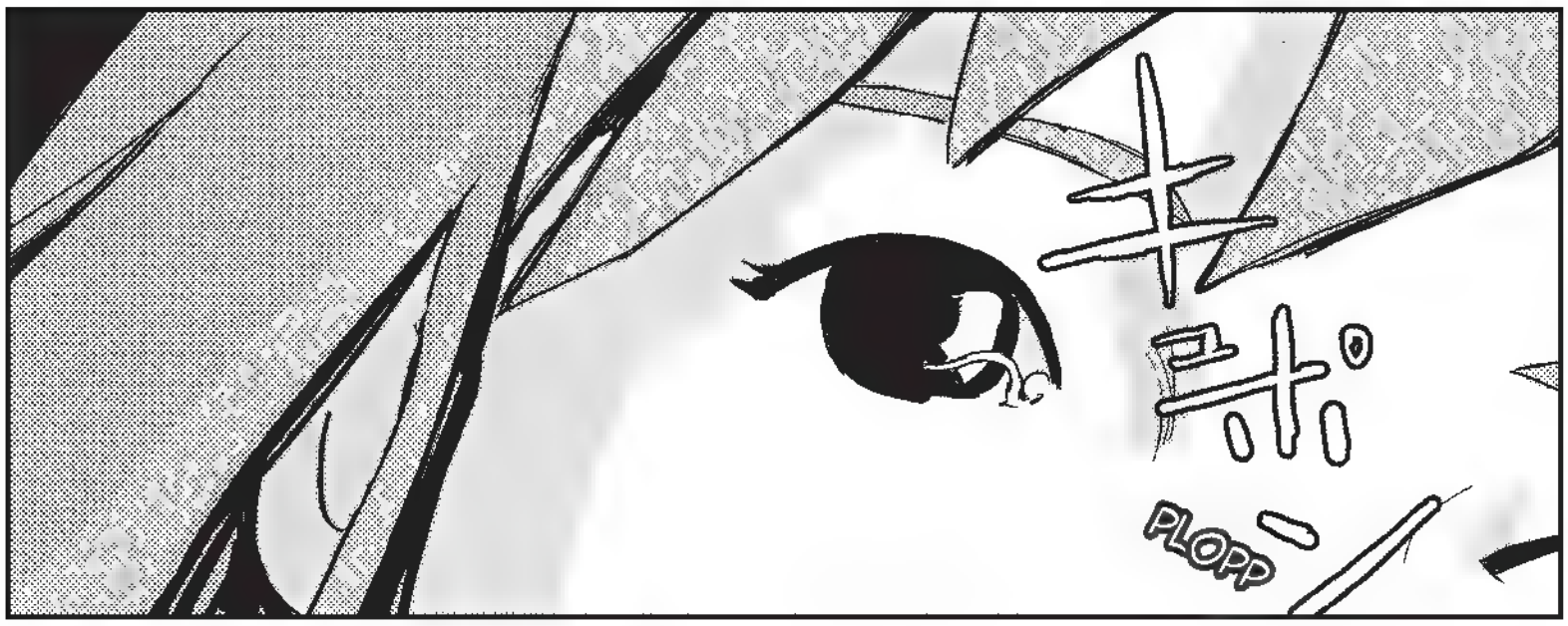
THE NEW PERSONALITY WILL TAKE OVER THE BRAIN OF THE INVADED HOST AND CONTROL THE BODY IN THE OWNER'S PLACE.

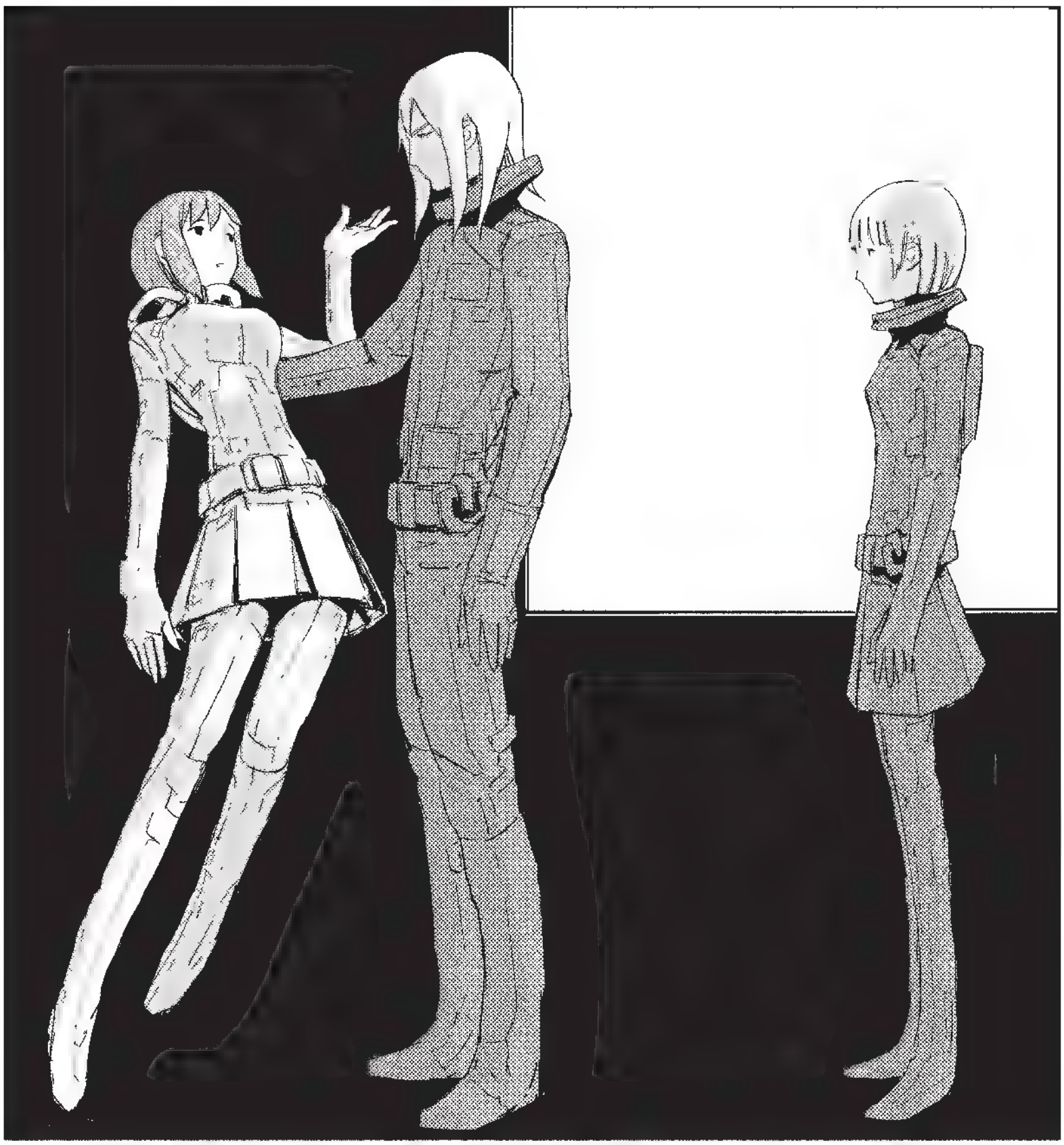

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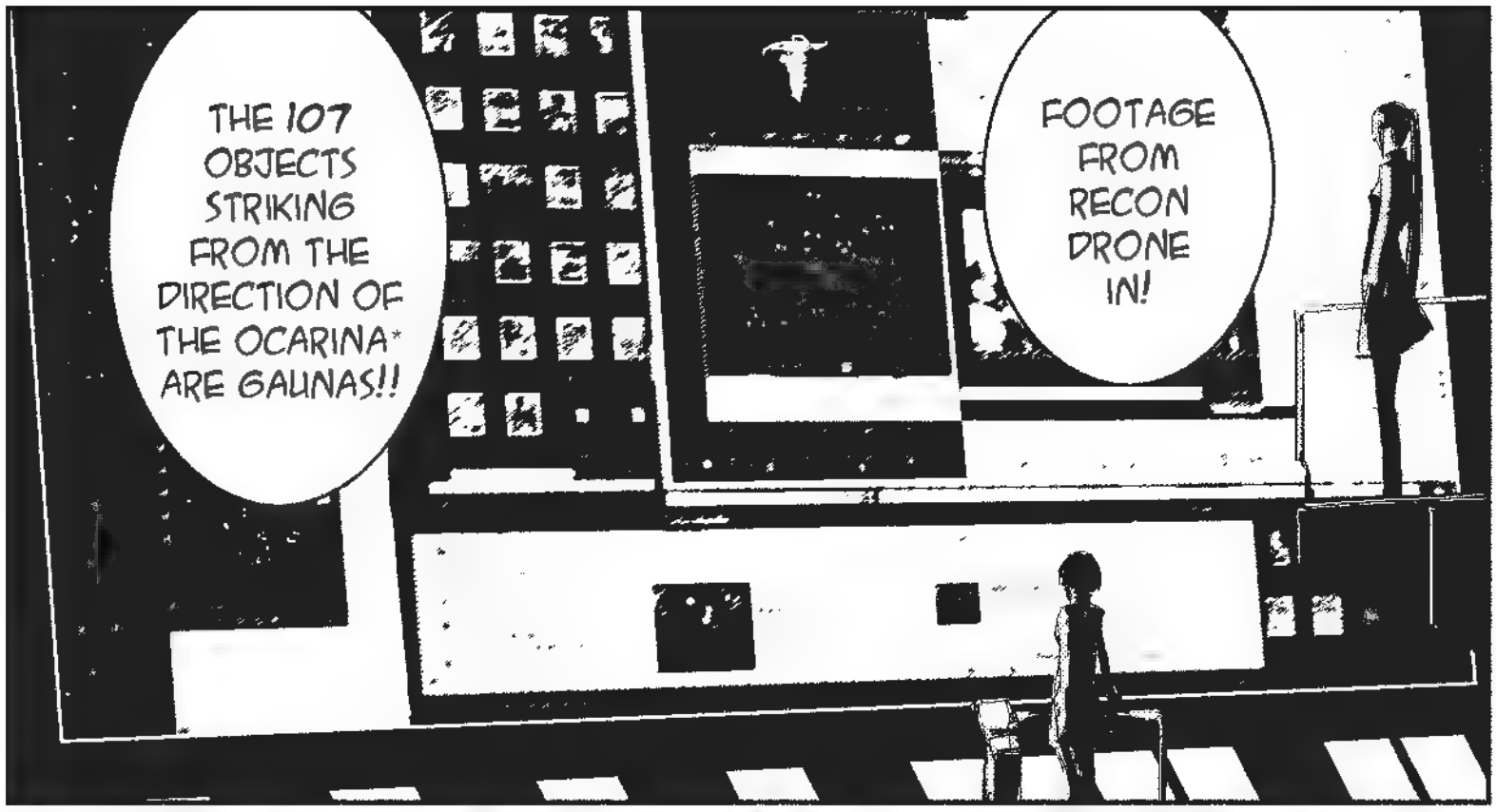

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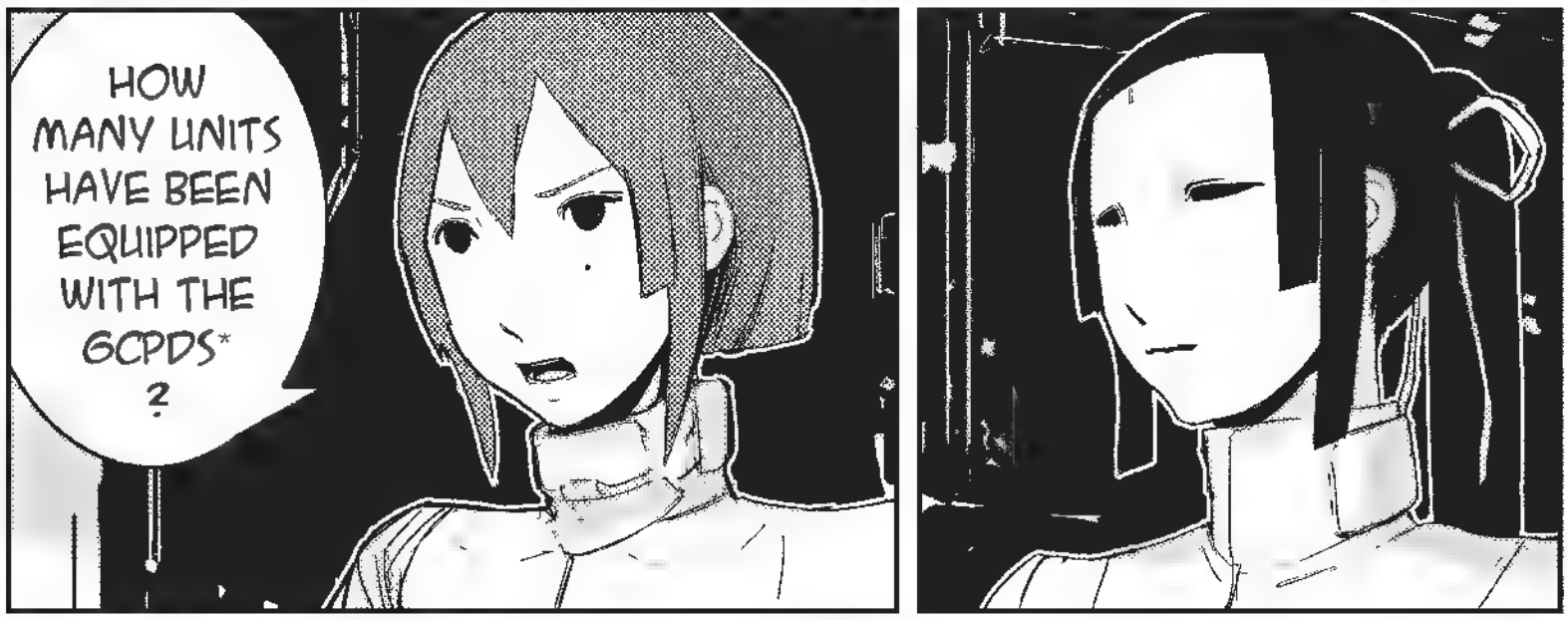

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SHAKE


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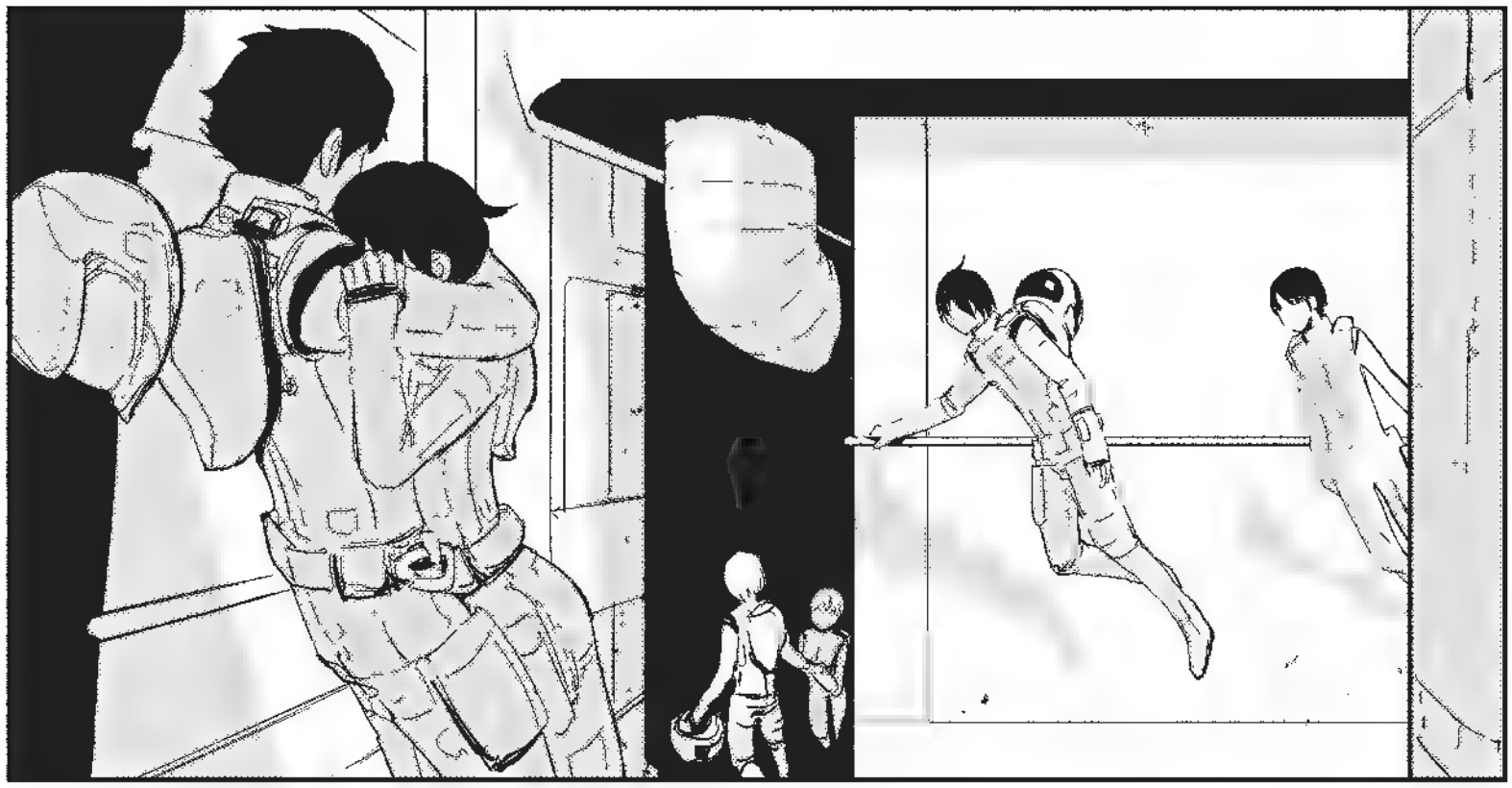


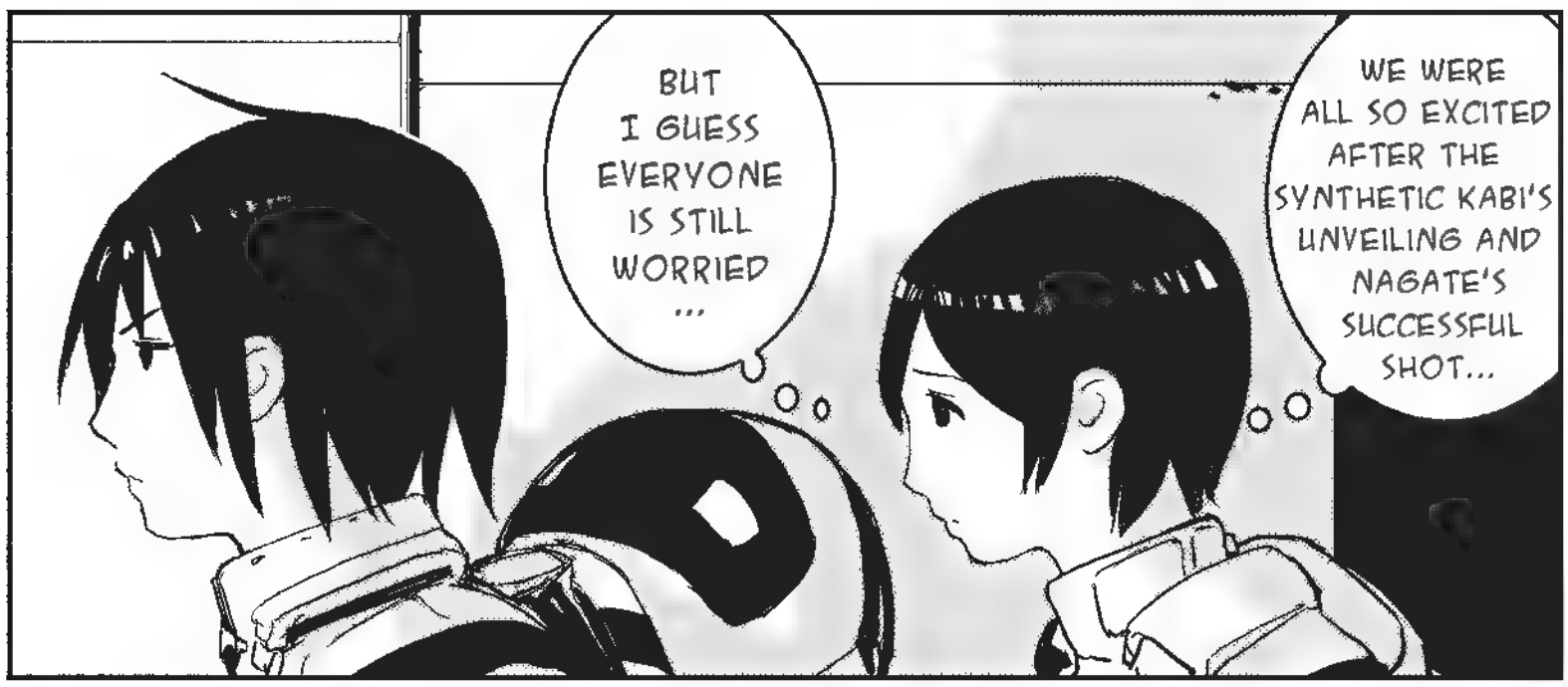
* Lesser Cluster Ship 21 Mothership of the Gauna which Sodom is at war with. Contains five thousand Gauna.



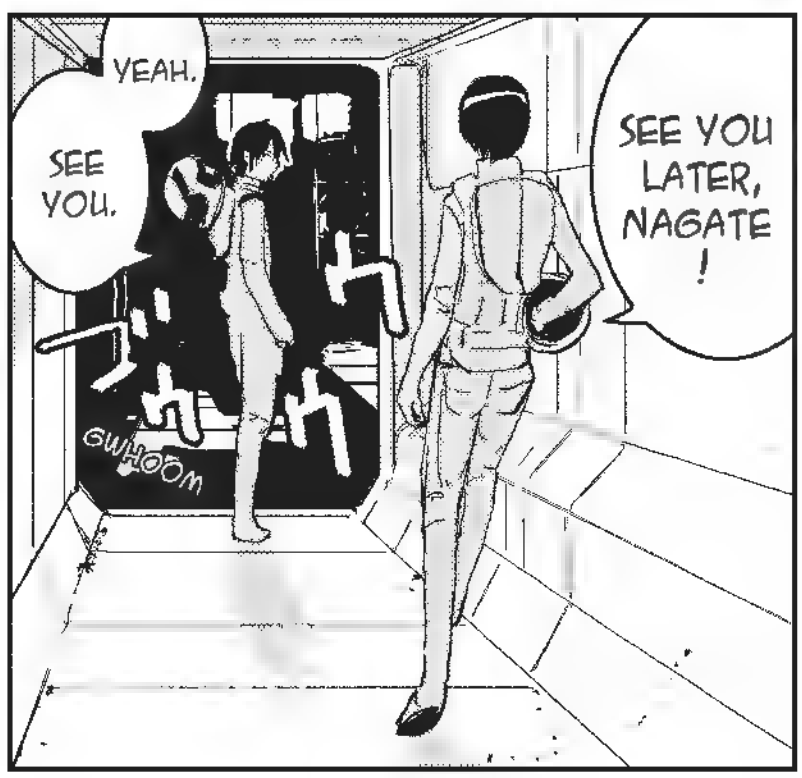
* Gauna Core Piercing Discarding Sabot

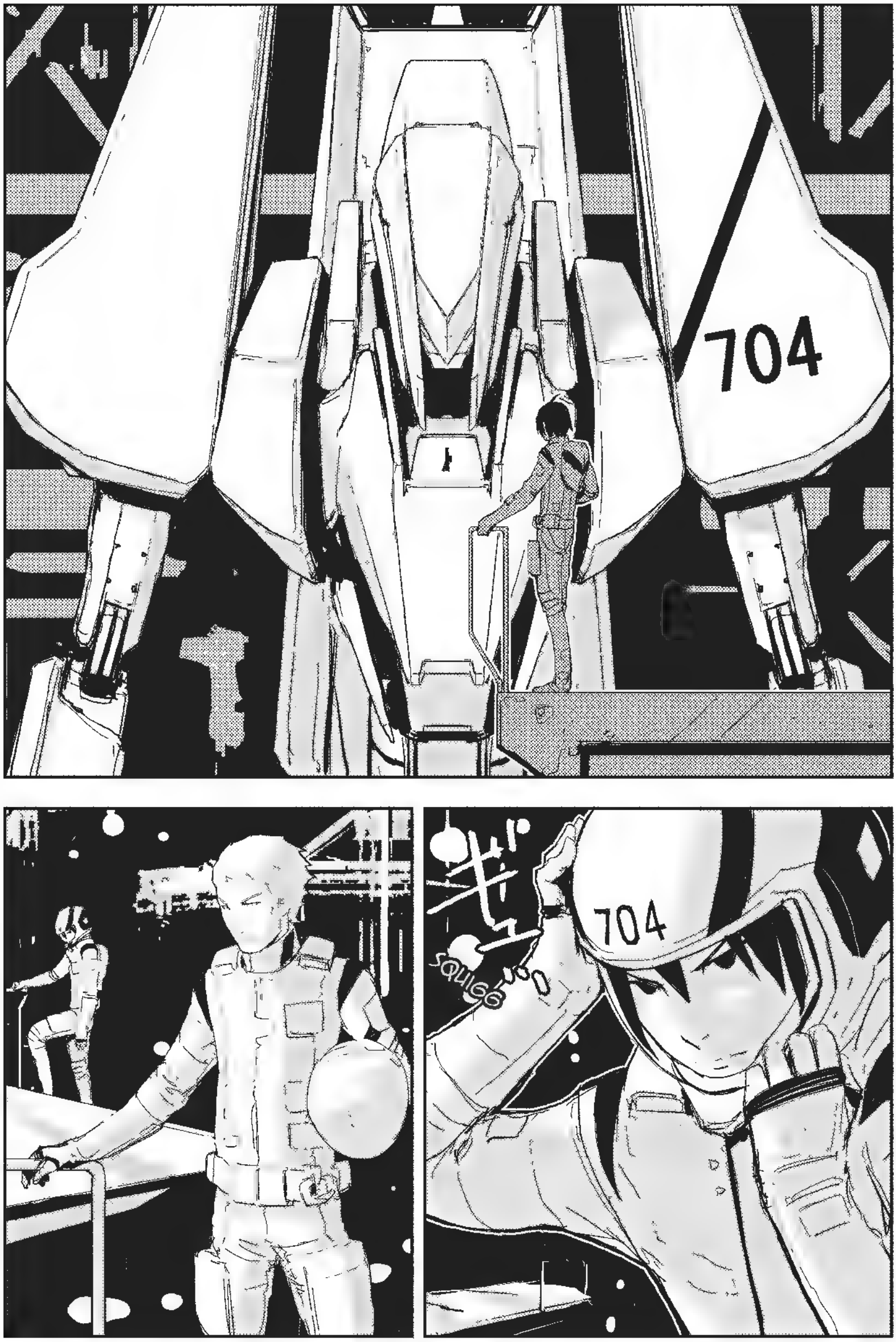




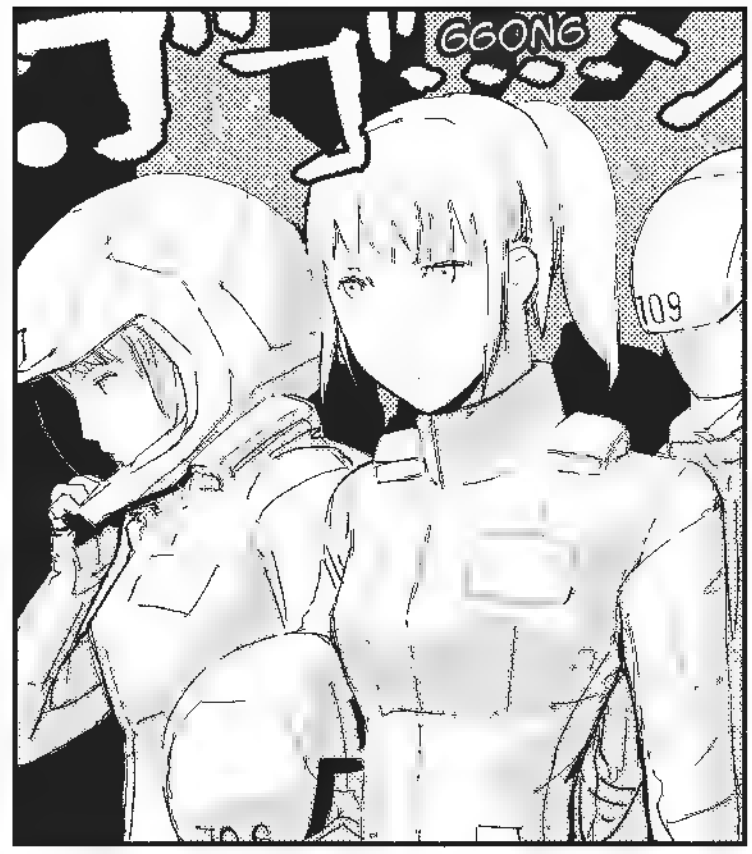

BUT I GUESS EVERYONE IS STILL WORRIED ...
WE WERE ALL SO EXCITED AFTER THE SYNTHETIC KABI'S UNVEILING AND NAGATE'S SUCCESSFUL SHOT...

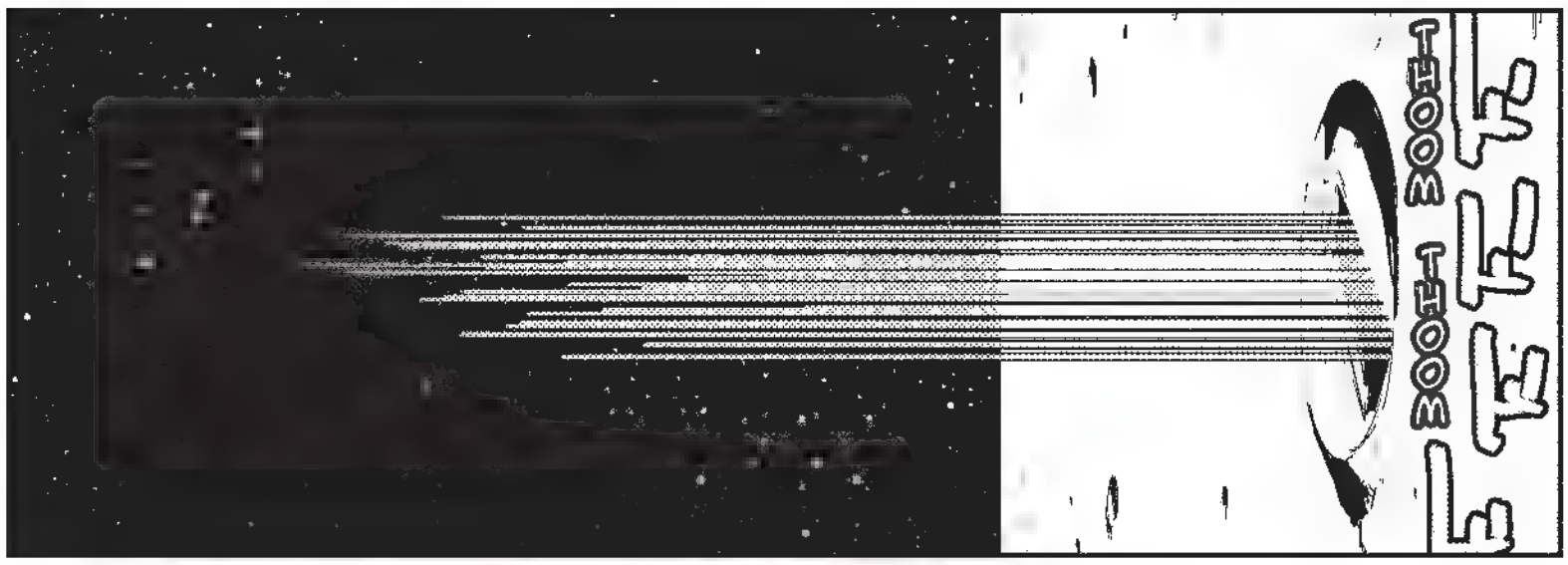

AND IT'S NOT LIKE THE 50% SURVIVAL RATE OF PILOTS HAS BEEN WRITTEN OVER...
WE NEVER KNOW WHAT FORM THE GAUNAS WILL TAKE

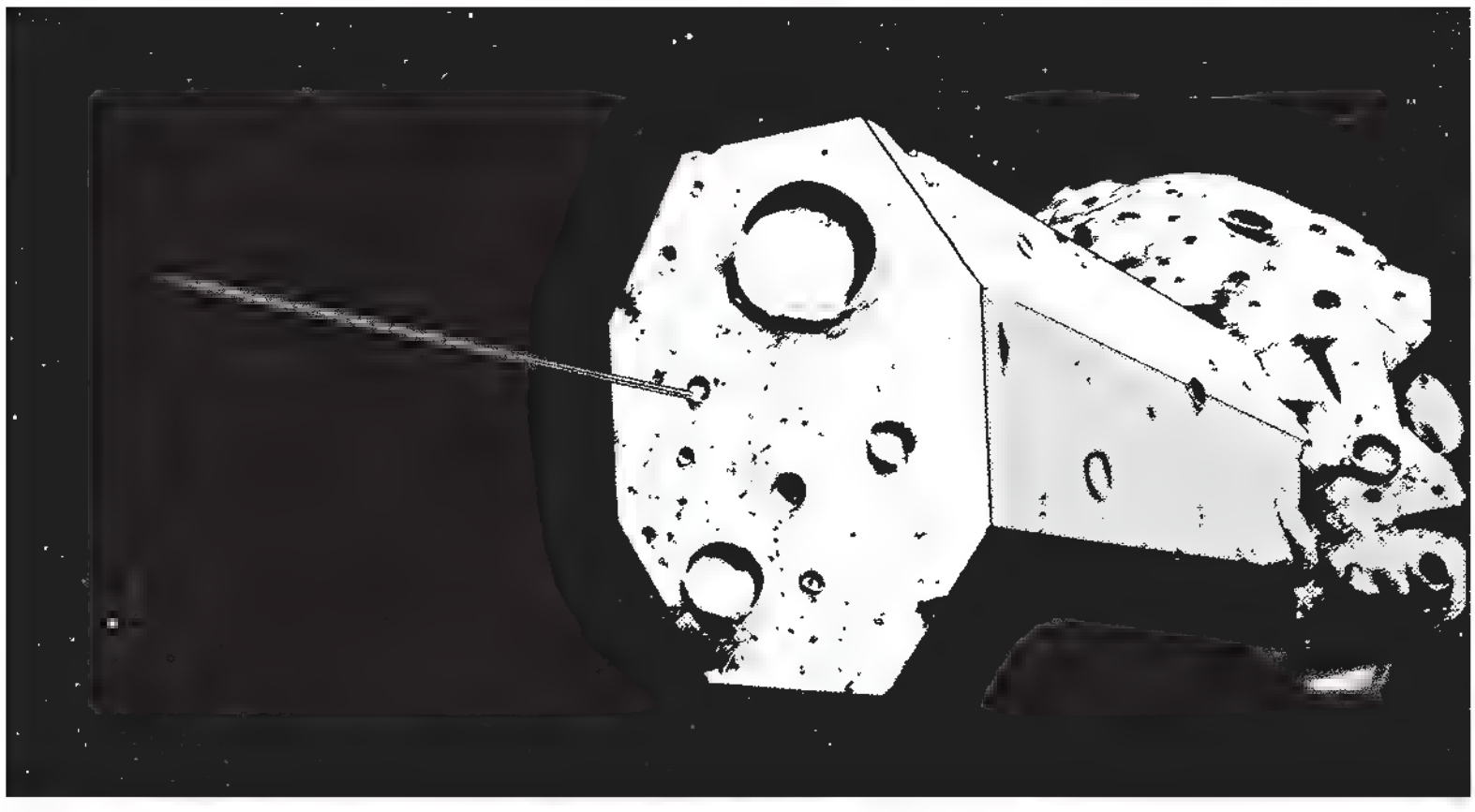

YEAH.
SEE YOU.
SEE YOU LATER, NAGATE!
GWHOOM

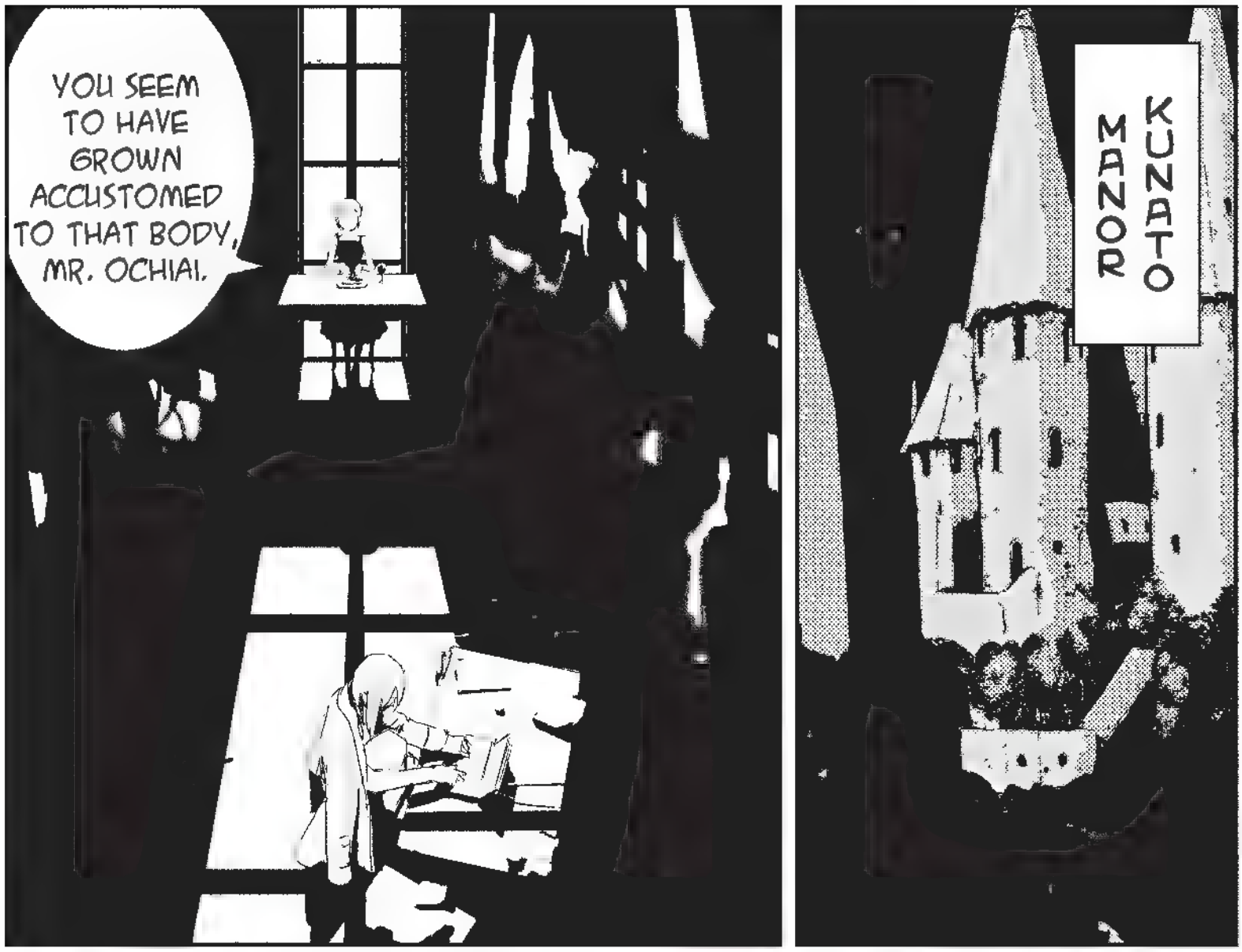

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GGONG
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THOOM
BOOM




YOU SEEM TO HAVE GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO THAT BODY, MR. OCHIAI.
KUNATO MANOR


BZZZ
I STILL CAN'T EVEN CHASE OFF A FLY USING MIND TRANSMISSION.

KTNK

PIT

IT ONLY YIELDS THORN-LESS CACTI AT BEST.

MIND TRANSMISSION WAS JUST A FABRICATION TO COVER UP THE SIDONIAN NEMATODE.

SLRRT

VZZZ

MUNCH

KRUNCH

VZZZ

ESN REMOVAL SUCCESSFUL

BRIDGE CHANNEL RECEPTION LEVEL 7

KCHNK

KTAK

KTAK

GOOD.

EPP

DISENGAGE SNIPING POSITIONS!! PURGE GCPDS EXTENSION BARRELS!

ALL RIGHT, ENOUGH !!

GAUNA CLOSING IN FURTHER !!

ROGER! MOVING TO INTERCEPT !!

HIT, DAMN IT!!

GAUNA REMAINING

32/107

CONFIRMED GAUNA TOTAL

...! THEY'VE ALREADY SWATTED MORE THAN HALF THE GAUNAS?!

SIDONIA FORCE, I'M COUNTING ON YOU. UNTIL I GAIN POWER, KEEP SHAKING OFF THOSE GAUNAS.

SO IT'S ALREADY BEGUN.

SO THIS ERA HAS AN ACE, TOO...

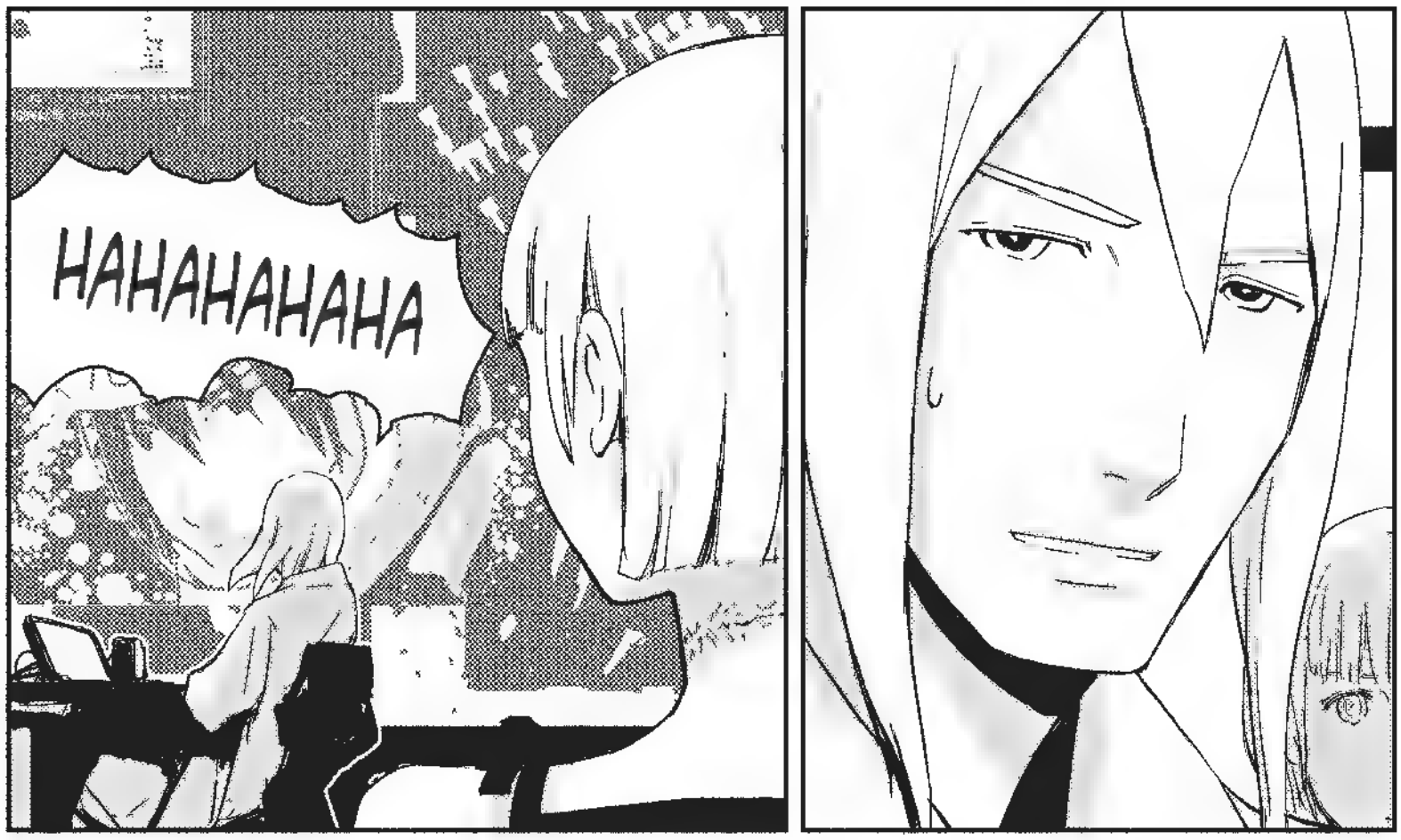
SOME PILOT HAS EVEN SCORED 38 OF THEM ...

TANIKAZE UNIT HAS DOWNED A GAUNA !!

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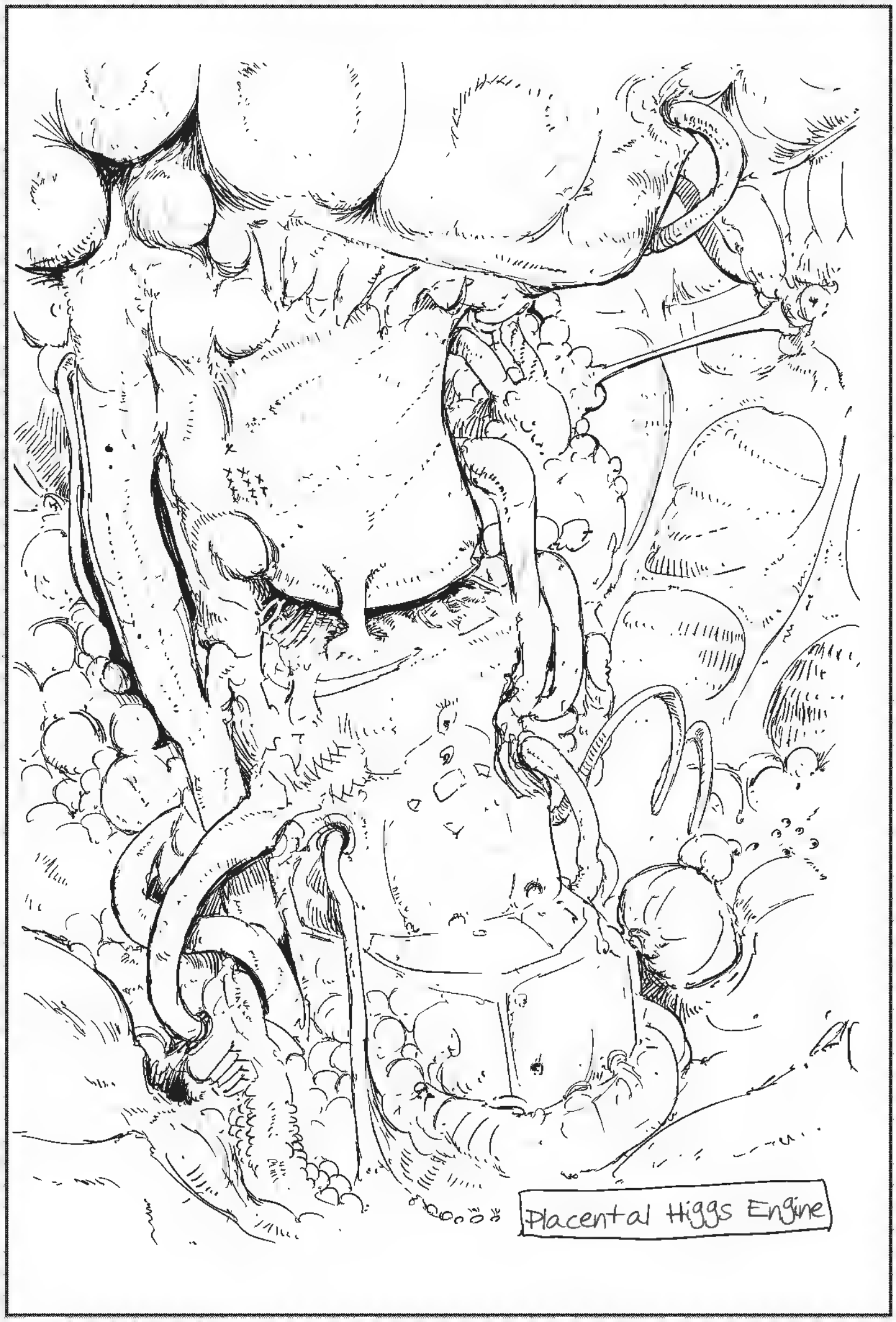
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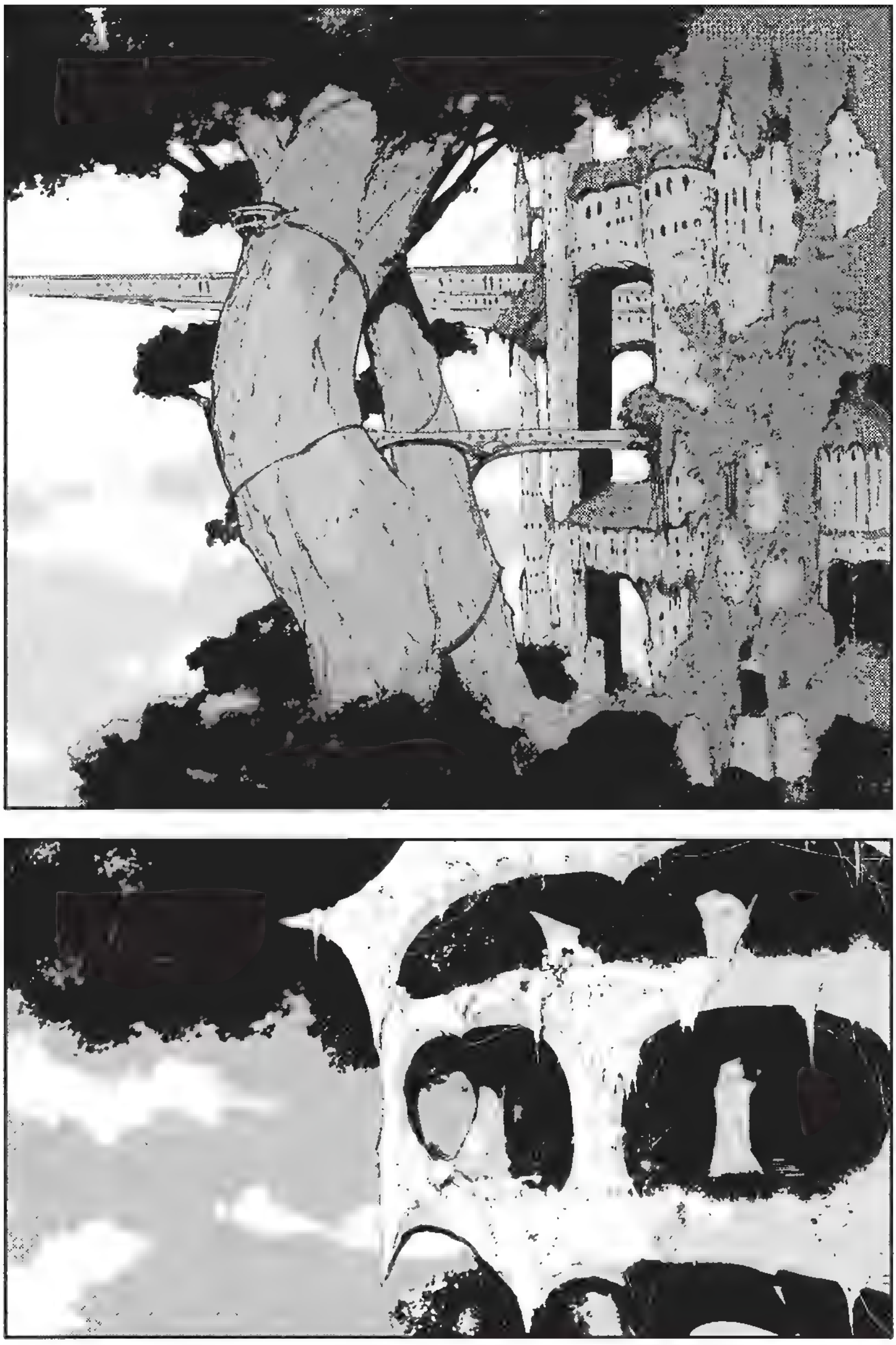

Placental Higgs Engine

Chapter 22: Scientist Ochiai's Scheme



One Hundred Sights of Sidonia Part Seventeen:
ETL Gauna Specimen Tank






KUDOS TO YOU FOR USING IT SO WELL.
THE GCPDS WAS QUITE EFFECTIVE, BUT MR. TANIKAZE,
ズズー
NERD
WE DESTROYED 107 GAUNAS WITHOUT ANY CASUALTIES.
THAT BATTLE SURE WAS AMAZING.
YUP ...
ONLY... NOT A SINGLE GARDE-FORM GAUNA SHOWED UP THIS TIME, LET ALONE THE HAWK MOTH.
WE STILL CAN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN.
THE SURVIVAL RATE HAS IMPROVED A BIT, TOO.
I'M STARTING TO FEEL A LITTLE HOPEFUL.

IT'S FROM ETL.

GJING GJING GGONK GJING

YES.

YES, TANIKAZE HERE.

SORRY, I GOTTA GO!

GTANK

CLINK

ZLRRRD

HUH ?!

YES, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!!

MR. TANI-KAZE,

DON'T FORGET ABOUT TODAY'S EXERCISE!

OF COURSE NOT!

NAGATE PROMISED ME HE'D GIVE ME SOME SHARP-SHOOTING TIPS...

...

PHEW ...

THE HUMAN-FORM PLACENTA AT THE ETL...

I HEAR IT'S GETTING EVER MORE HUMAN-LIKE LATELY...

I'M WORRIED ABOUT MR. TANIKAZE ...

THEY CERTAINLY AREN'T DOING IT FOR HIS SAKE.

ALL THE ETL WANTS IS TO LEARN ABOUT THE GAUNA.

WHATEVER THE OUTCOME, I DOUBT IT'LL DO HIM ANY GOOD.

I MEAN... RESEARCH ON THE GAUNA IS CRUCIAL, BUT...

I WANT MR. TANIKAZE TO JUST FOCUS ON PILOTING.


HOW ABOUT YOU, MR. IZANA?
I HAVE TO GET GOING TOO.
OH, LOOK AT THE TIME ...
I'LL STAY HERE A BIT LONGER.
PLEASE DON'T MAKE THAT FACE...






SO IT'S GOT WARMTH.
I JUST WANTED TO FEEL YOUR PROSTHETIC HAND A LITTLE, SORRY.



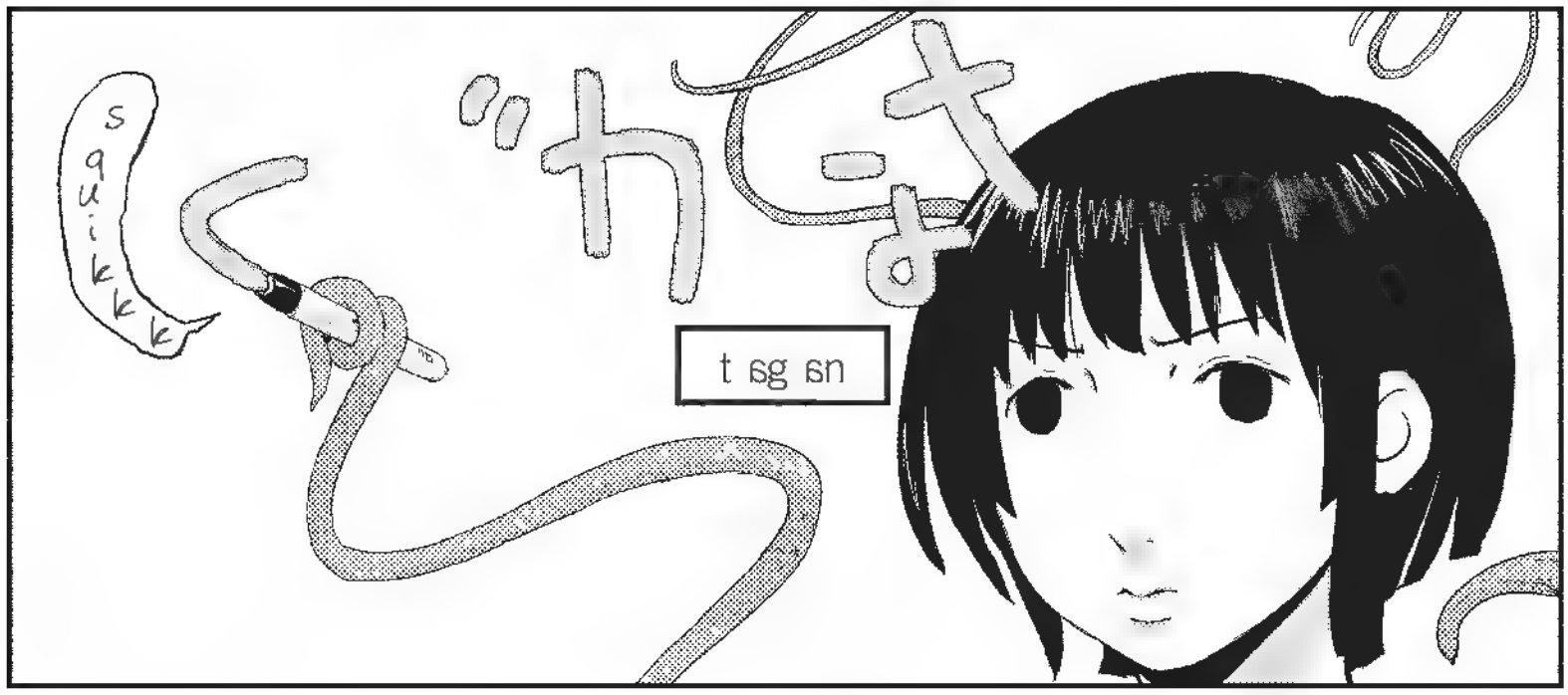
SHE'S BEEN WANTING TO SHOW YOU THAT OUTFIT FOREVER.

SAY SOMETHING NICE.

I-IT LOOKS... GOOD ON YOU...

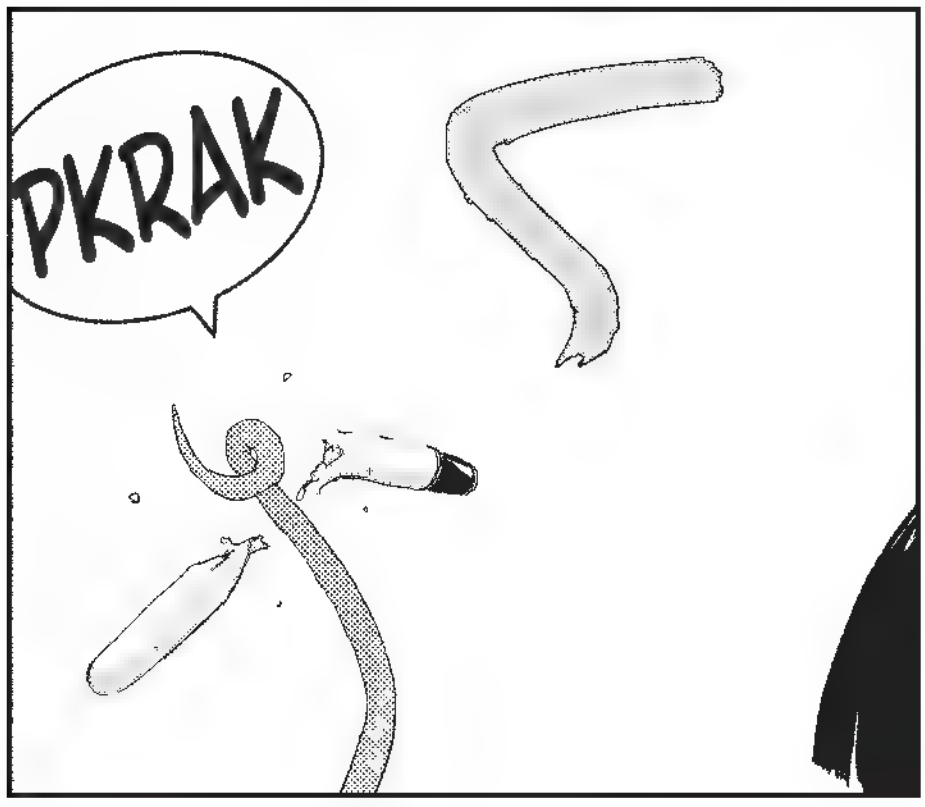
OH... UM, UHH...

SQUOP

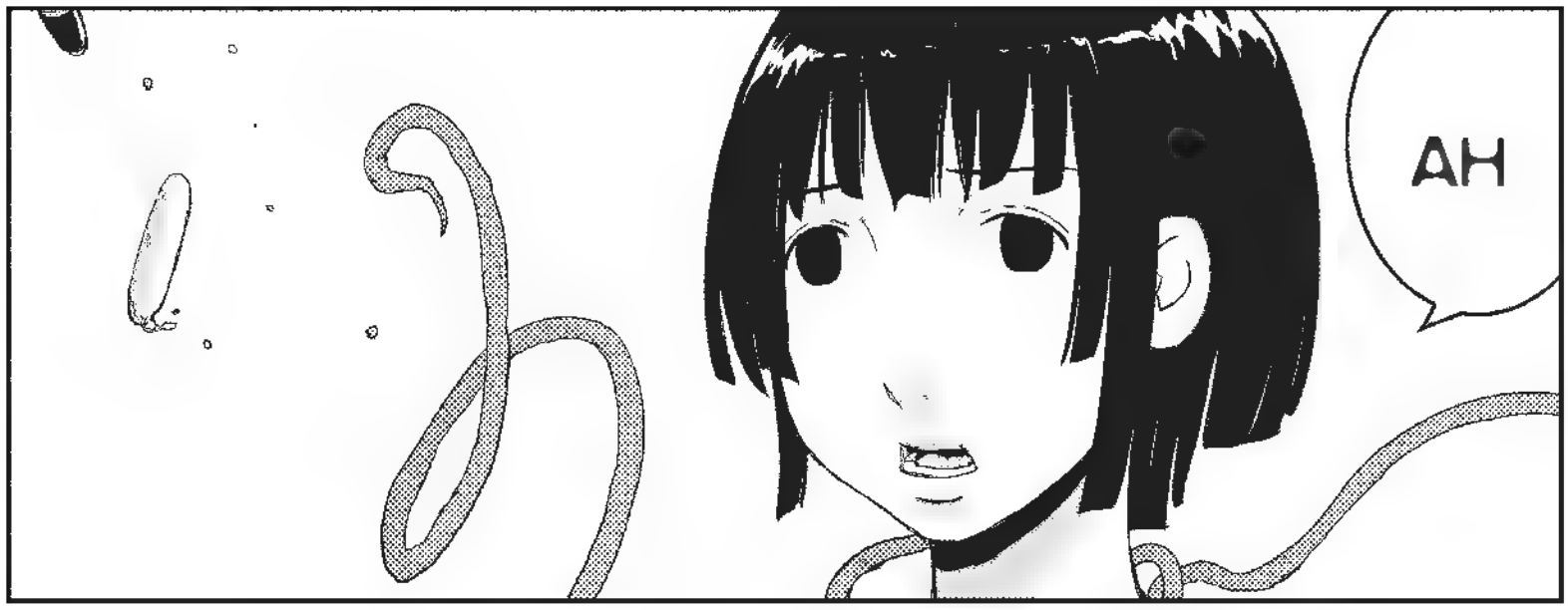

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WANNA GO INSIDE?

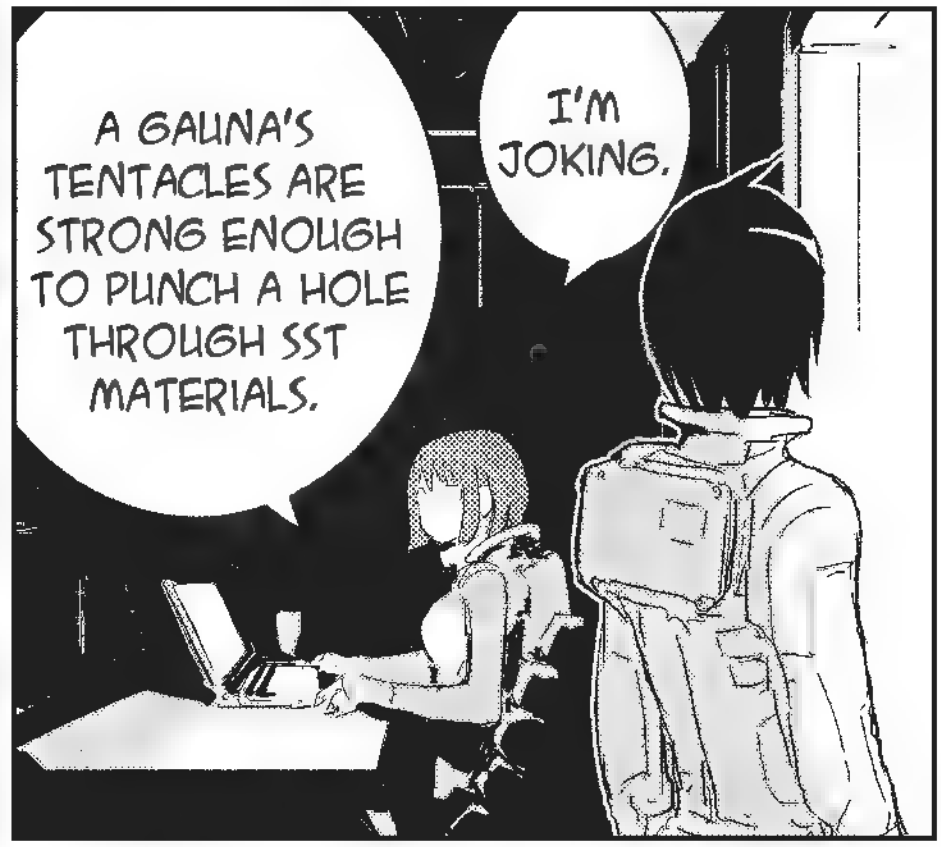

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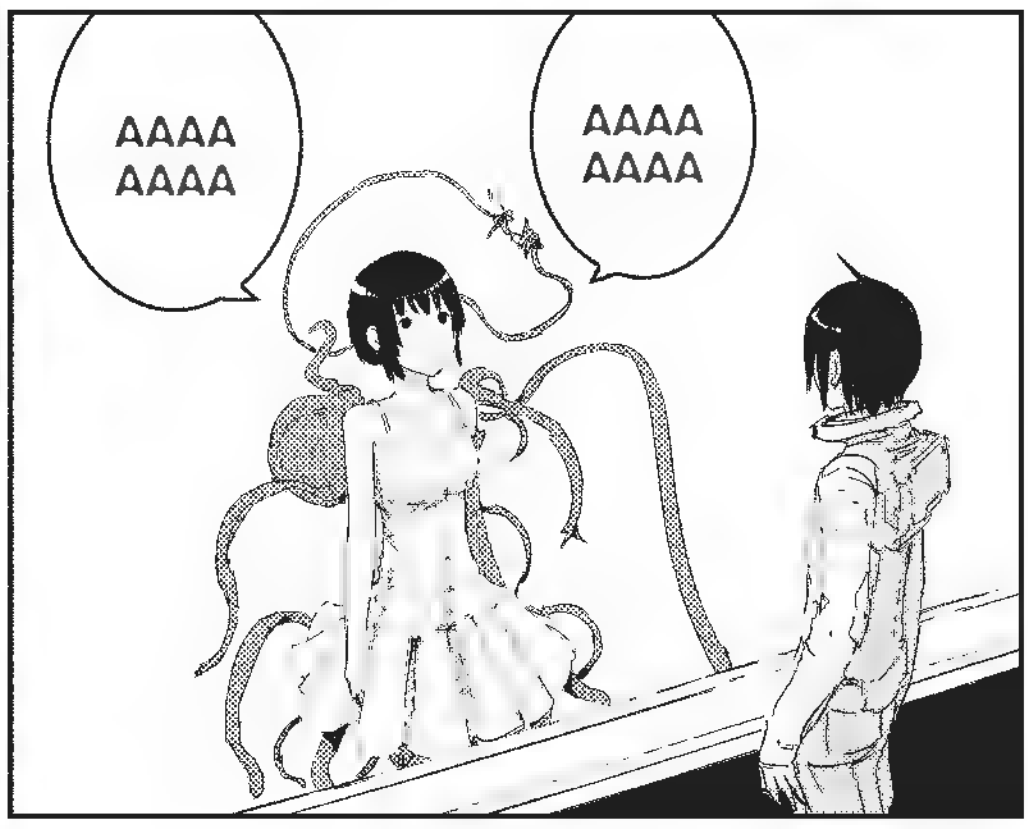

HUH ?!


AH

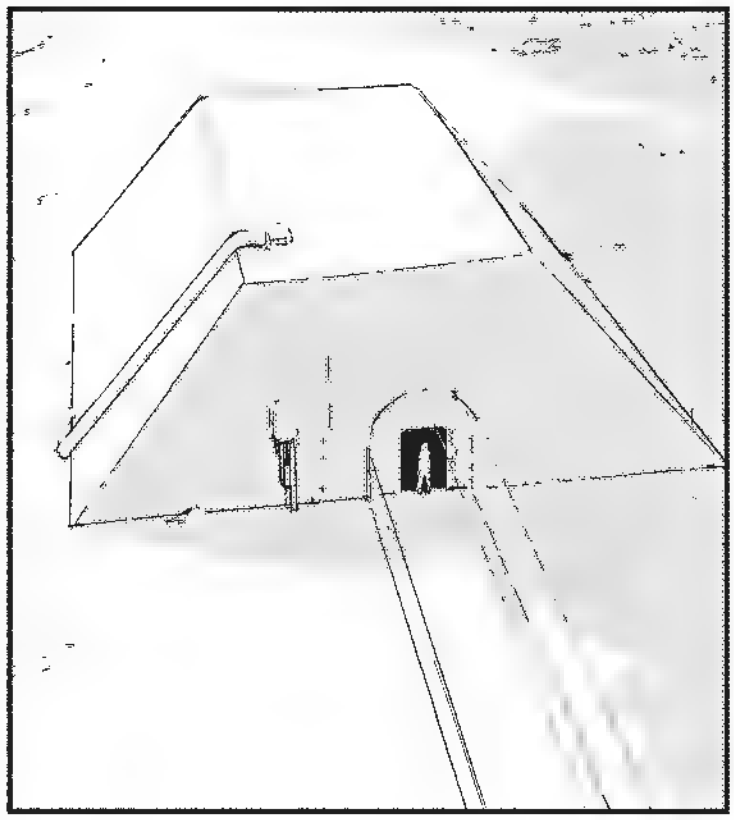

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RIGHT.


A GALINA'S TENTACLES ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO PUNCH A HOLE THROUGH SST MATERIALS.
I'M JOKING.

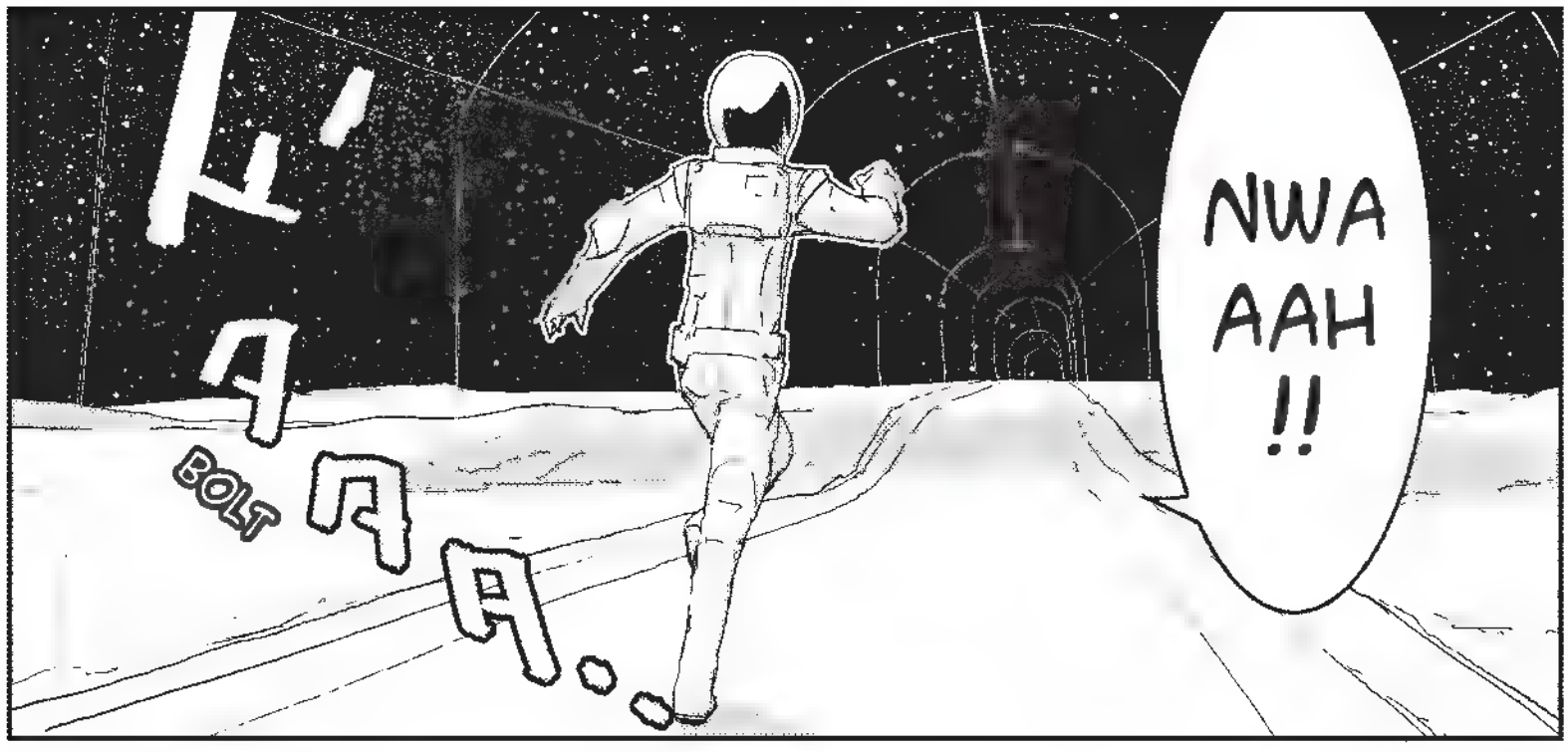



AAAA
AAAA
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BSHHT
ETL RESEARCH






NWA AAH !!
BOLT

RIGHT NOW, I JUST WANNA PILOT THE TSUGUMORI LIKE MAD!!

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO DO...

BONK

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BONK

UH OH!

A-1

TUMP


EXERCISES WILL BEGIN SHORTLY.
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YOU'RE ALL RIGHT WITH IT, IZANA?

GCHAK

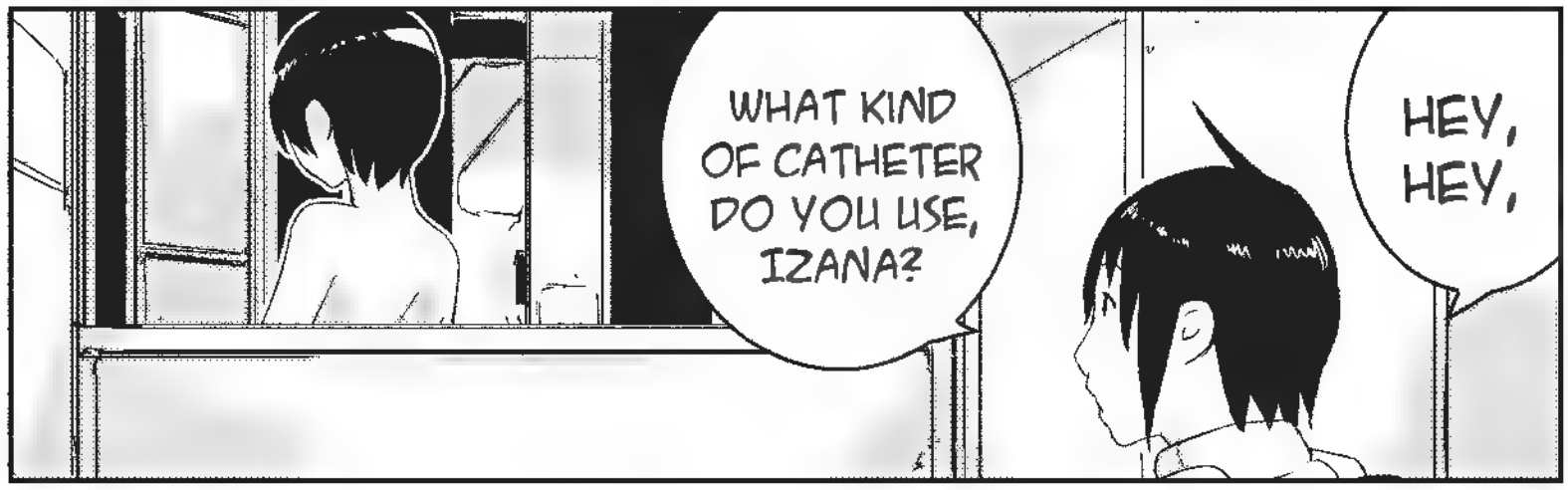
WHEW ...

I JUST NEVER GET USED TO THE BIOLOGICAL URETHRAL CATHETER.

COME TO THINK OF IT...

HEY... HANG ON A SECOND.

ASSISTANT COMMANDER MIDORIKAWA WILL BE ANGRY AGAIN IF WE DAWDLE.


WHAT KIND OF CATHETER DO YOU USE, IZANA?
HEY, HEY,




GREAAK


?!!

I HATE YOU, NAGATE !!

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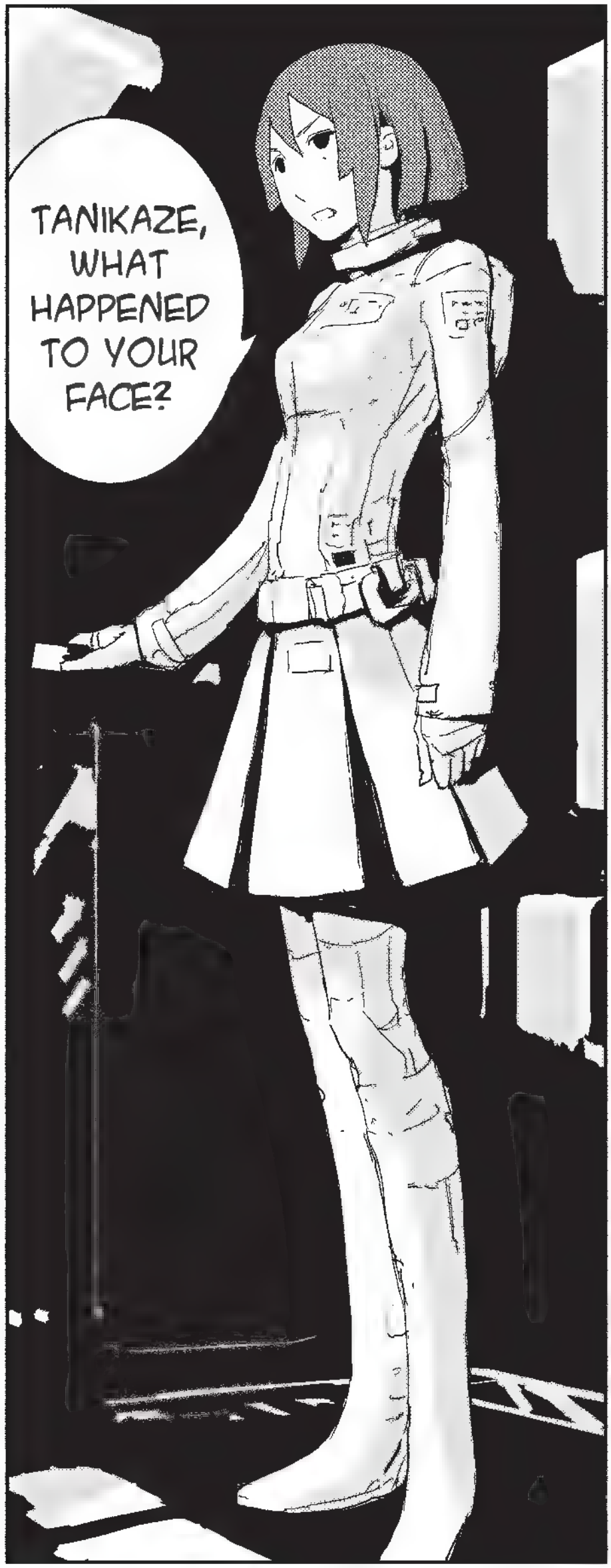
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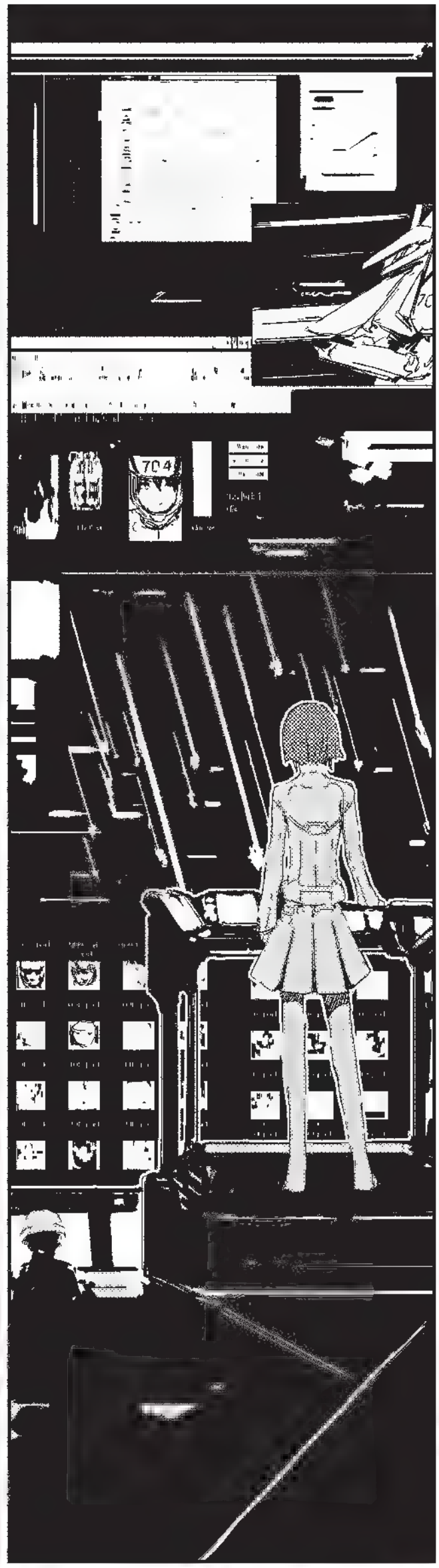
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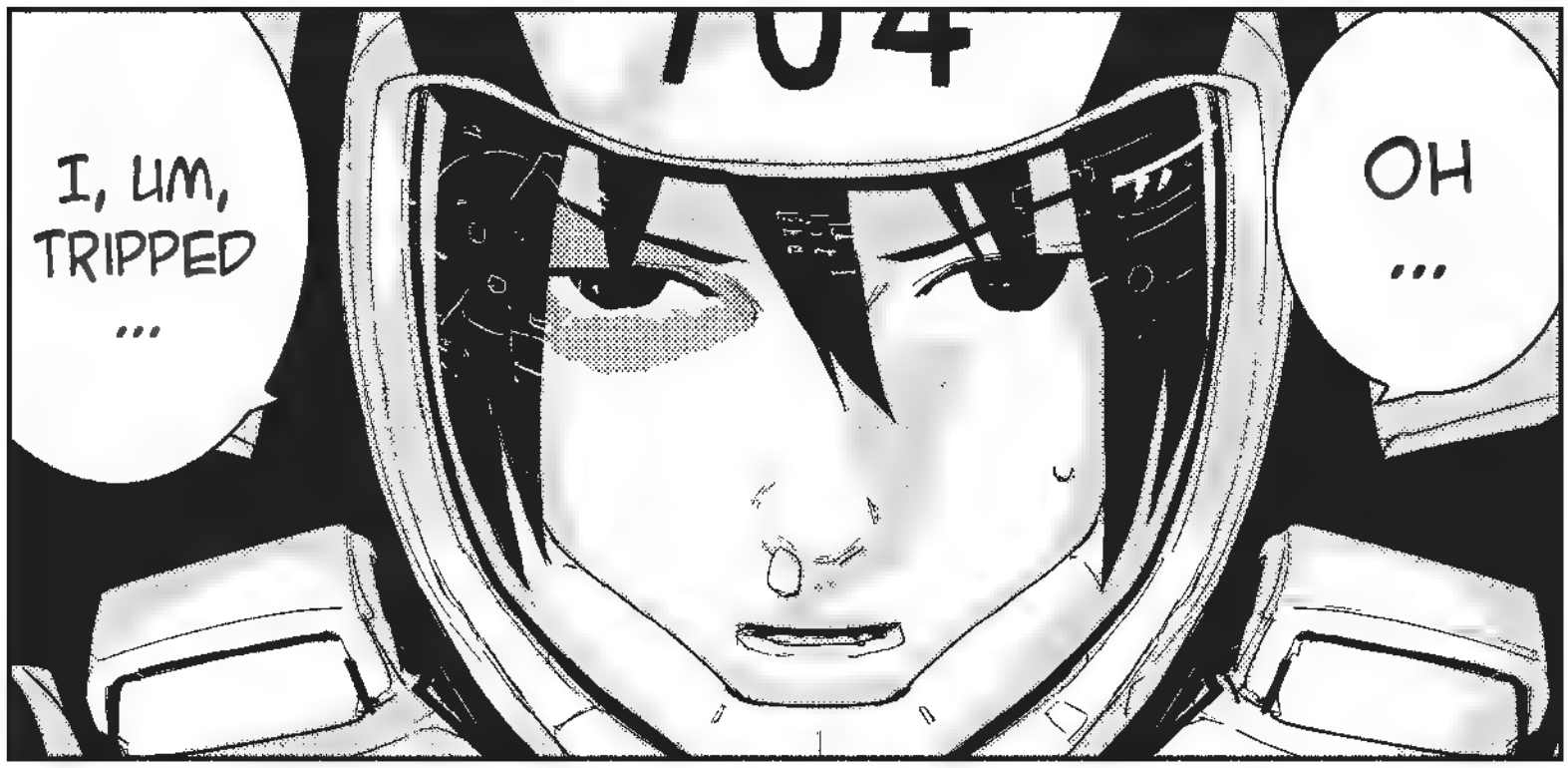
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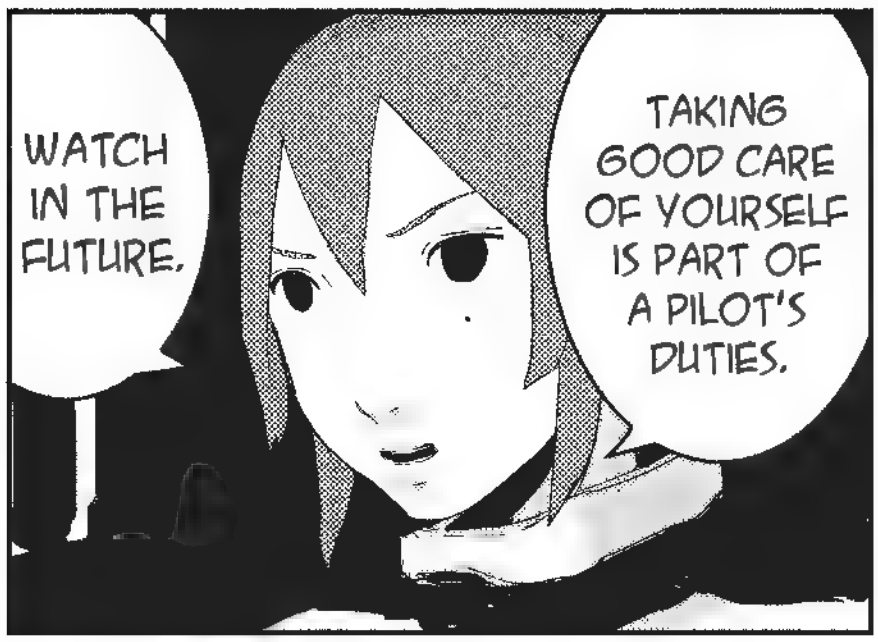
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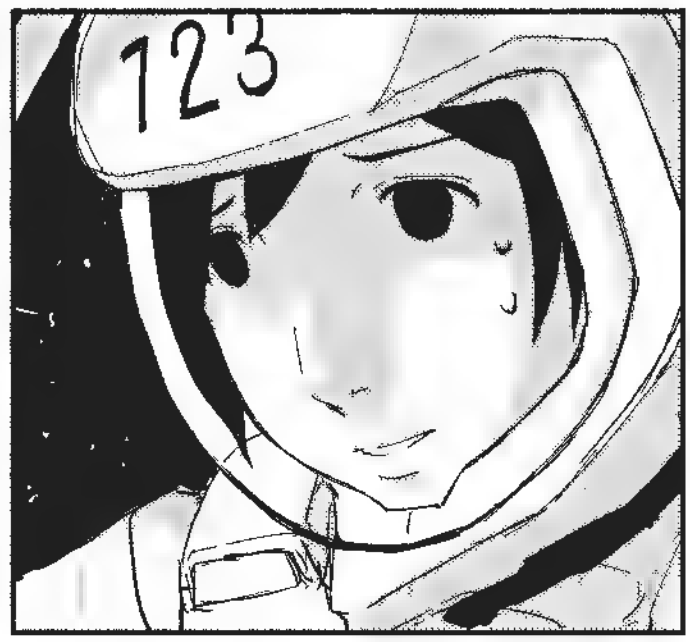
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TANIKAZE, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?


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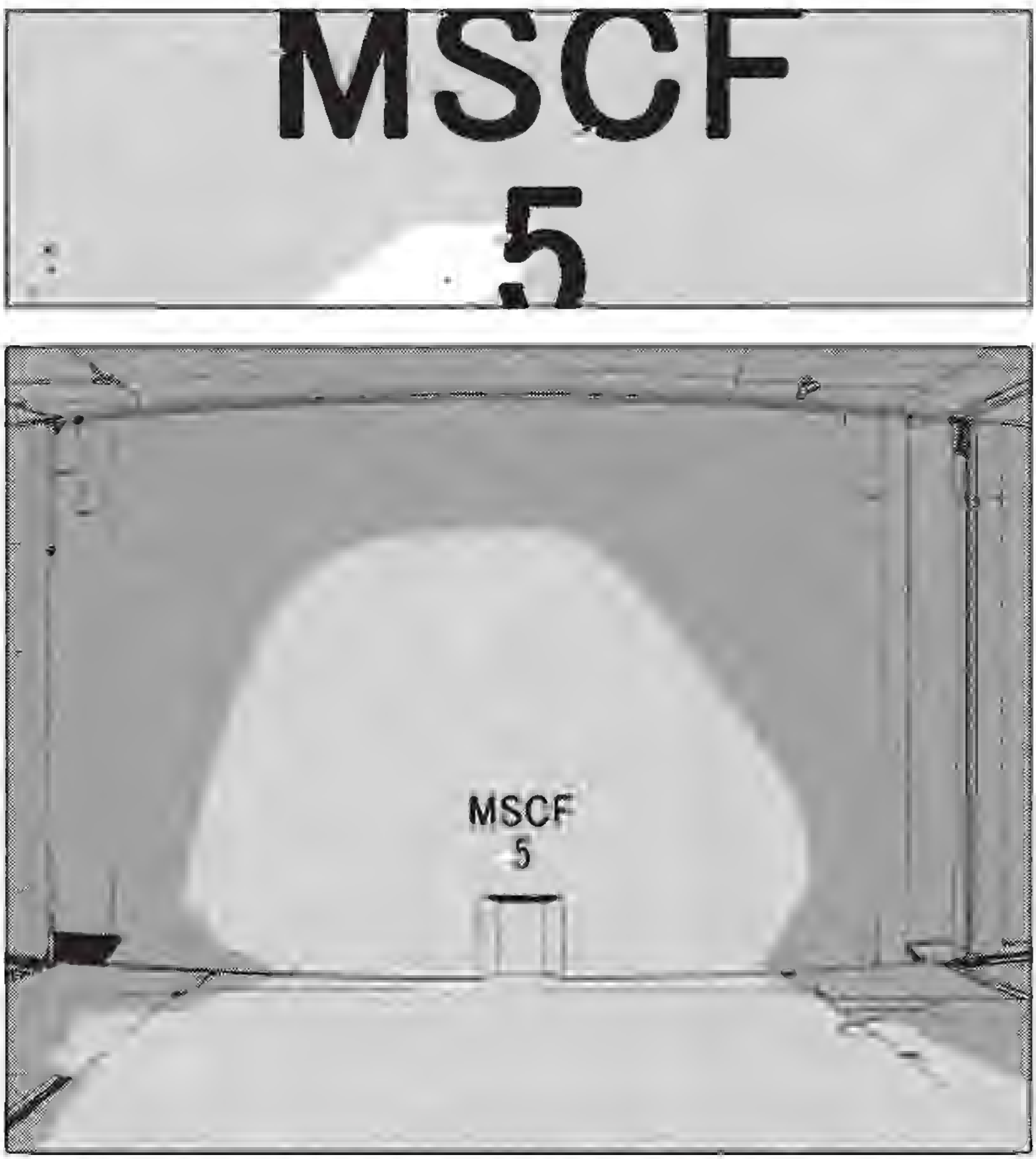

I, UM, TRIPPED ...
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OH ...


WATCH IN THE FUTURE.
TAKING GOOD CARE OF YOURSELF IS PART OF A PILOT'S DUTIES.


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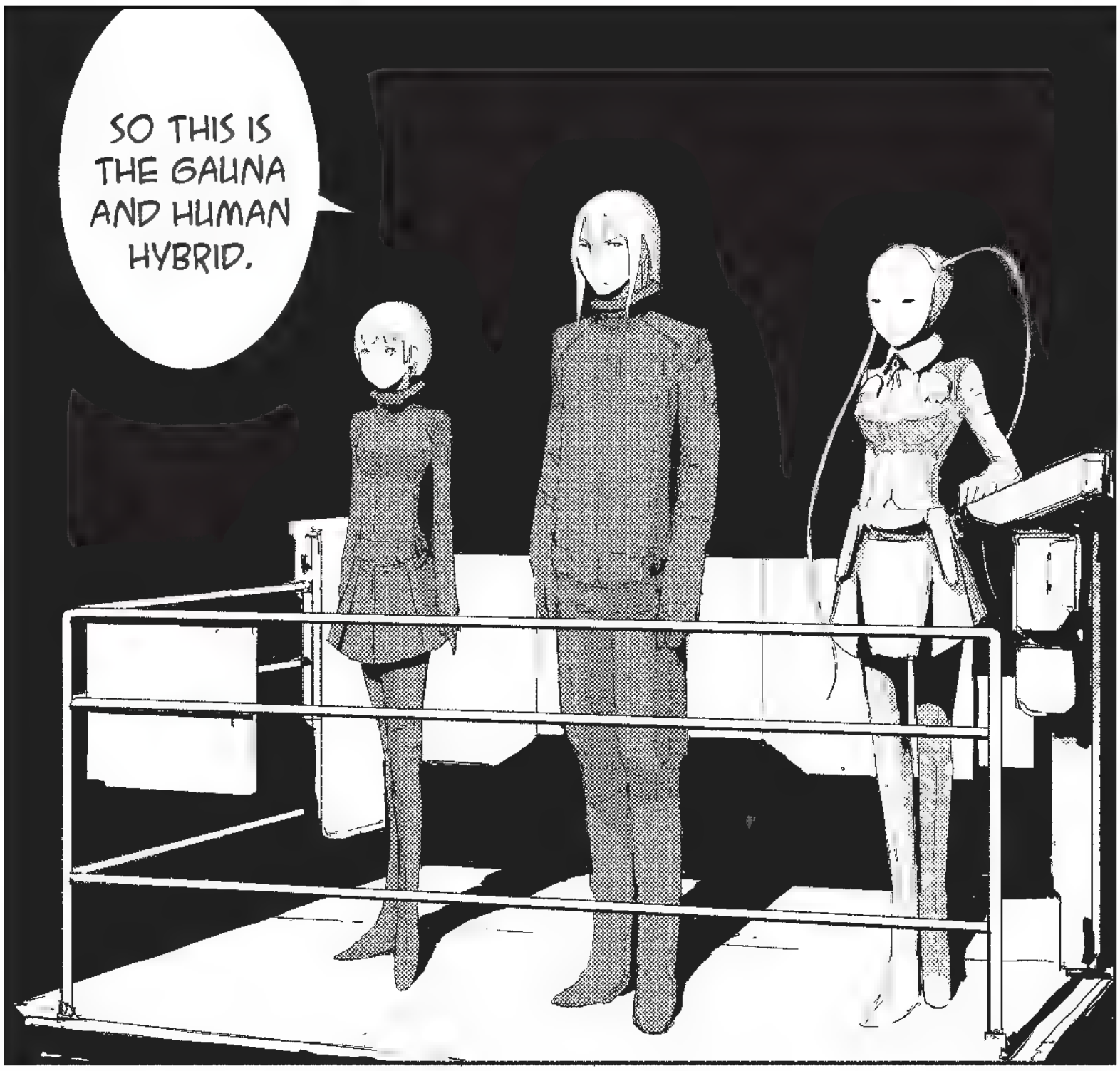

I'M SORRY.
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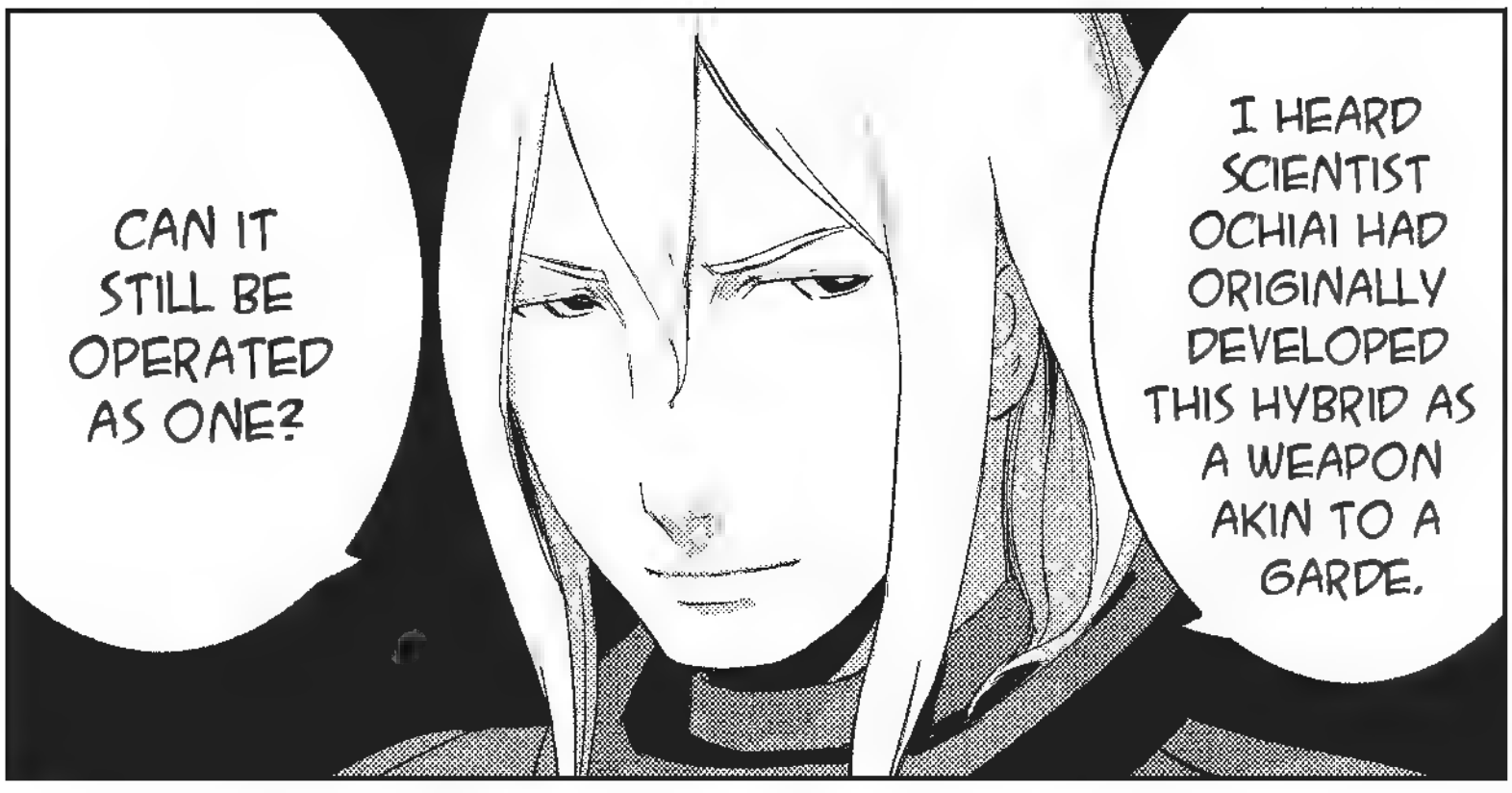



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SO THIS IS THE GAUNA AND HUMAN HYBRID.


CAN IT STILL BE OPERATED AS ONE?
I HEARD SCIENTIST OCHIAI HAD ORIGINALLY DEVELOPED THIS HYBRID AS A WEAPON AKIN TO A GARDE.


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VWEEN
OH, CERTAINLY NOT.



THERE'S NOTHING LEFT OF IT THAT'S UNNECESSARY FOR THE CULTIVATION OF SYNTHETIC KABI.

WE CREATE A NEW HYBRID.

NOW TELL ME, WHAT IS KUNATO DEVELOPMENT'S PROPOSAL FOR A PRODUCTION INCREASE IN SYNTHETIC KABI?

I SEE... WELL, IT MAKES SENSE.

THERE'S NO RECORD AT ALL IN THE AUXILIARY BRAIN.

WE DON'T KNOW BY WHAT MEANS OCHIAI CREATED THIS.

WE'D HAVE DONE THAT LONG AGO IF WE COULD.

THIS METHOD MAY HAVE BEEN AS FACILE AS THE STORIES YOU HEAR IN TOWN ABOUT SCIENTIST OCHIAI.

PERHAPS IT WASN'T EVEN WORTH PUTTING DOWN.

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

MEANING ?

YOU MAKE A HUMANOID PLACENTA BEAR A HUMAN CHILD.

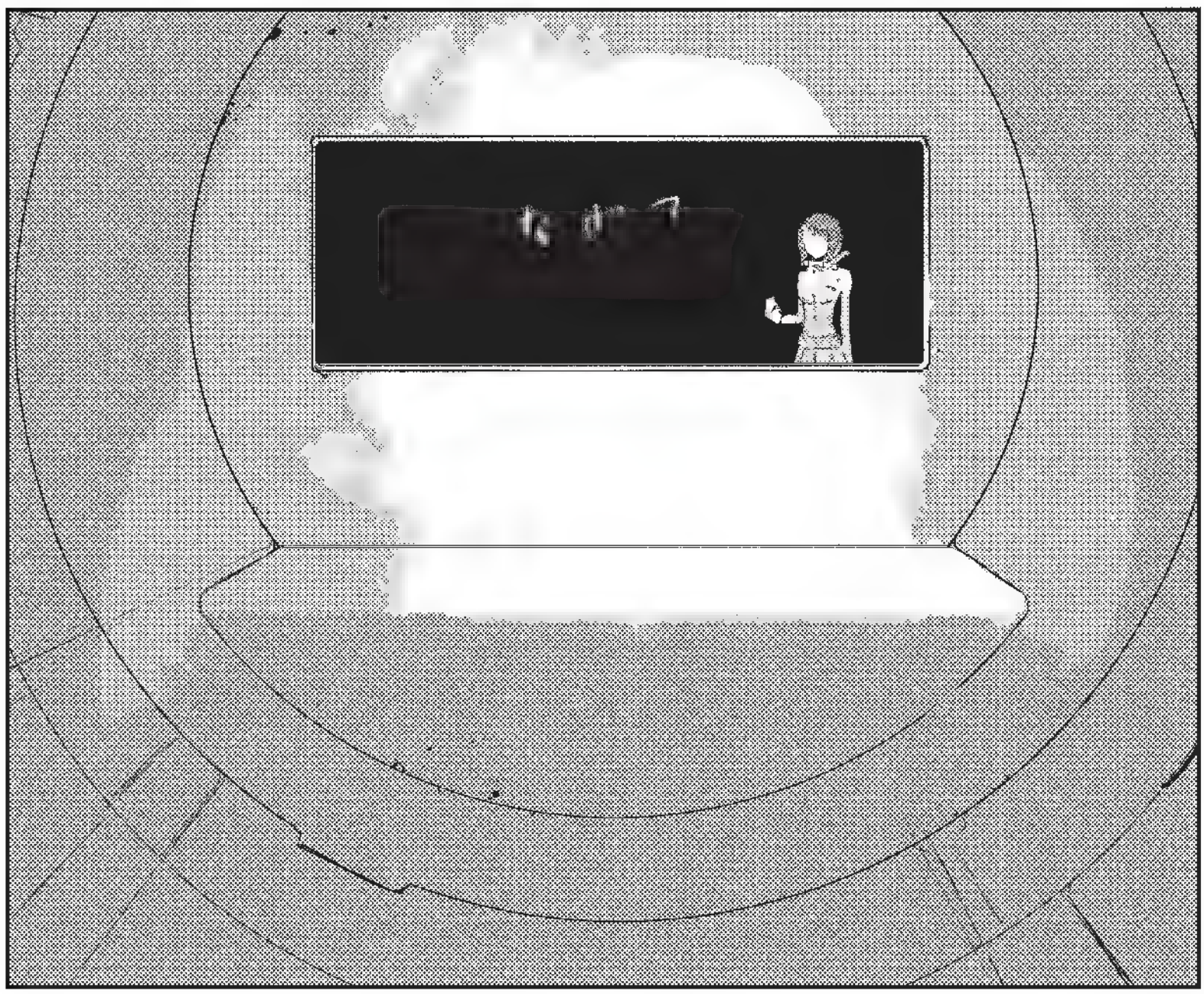

WHA
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I THINK I'VE TOLD YOU THAT THIS DAY WOULD EVENTUALLY COME.


WHY
?
SO WHERE IS IT?

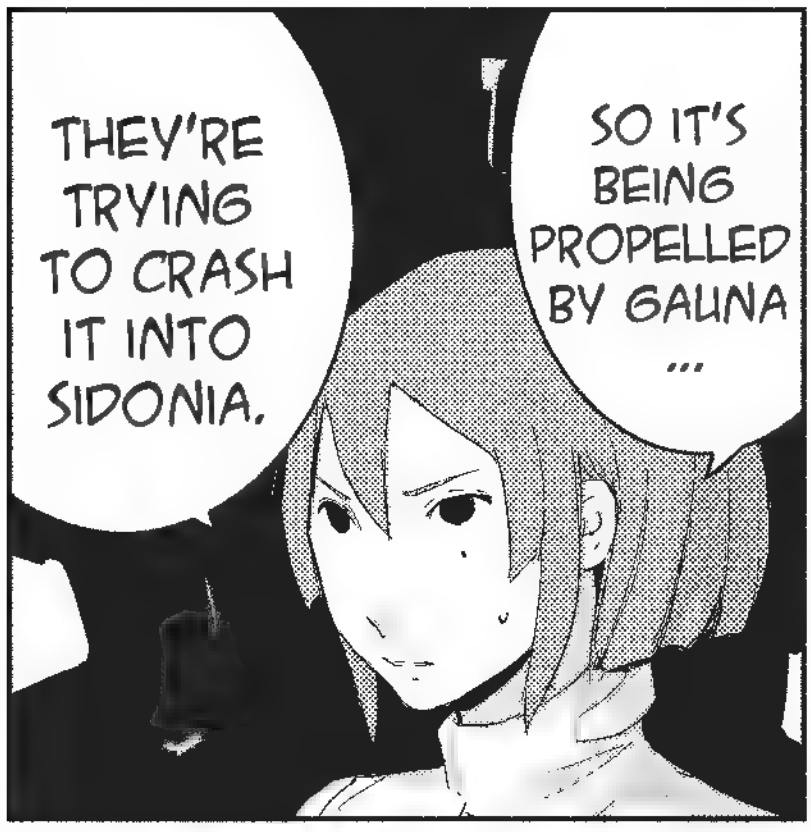

COULD I COME OVER THERE NOW ?
P- PLEASE WAIT!

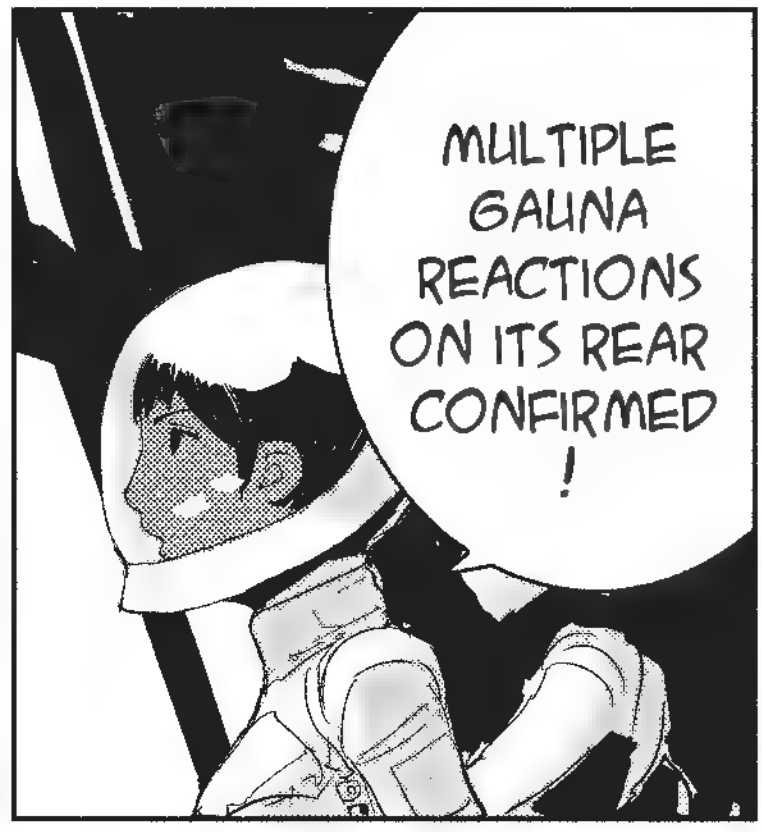

WAIT. WHERE IS HOSHIJIRO ?
I'M HANGING UP.

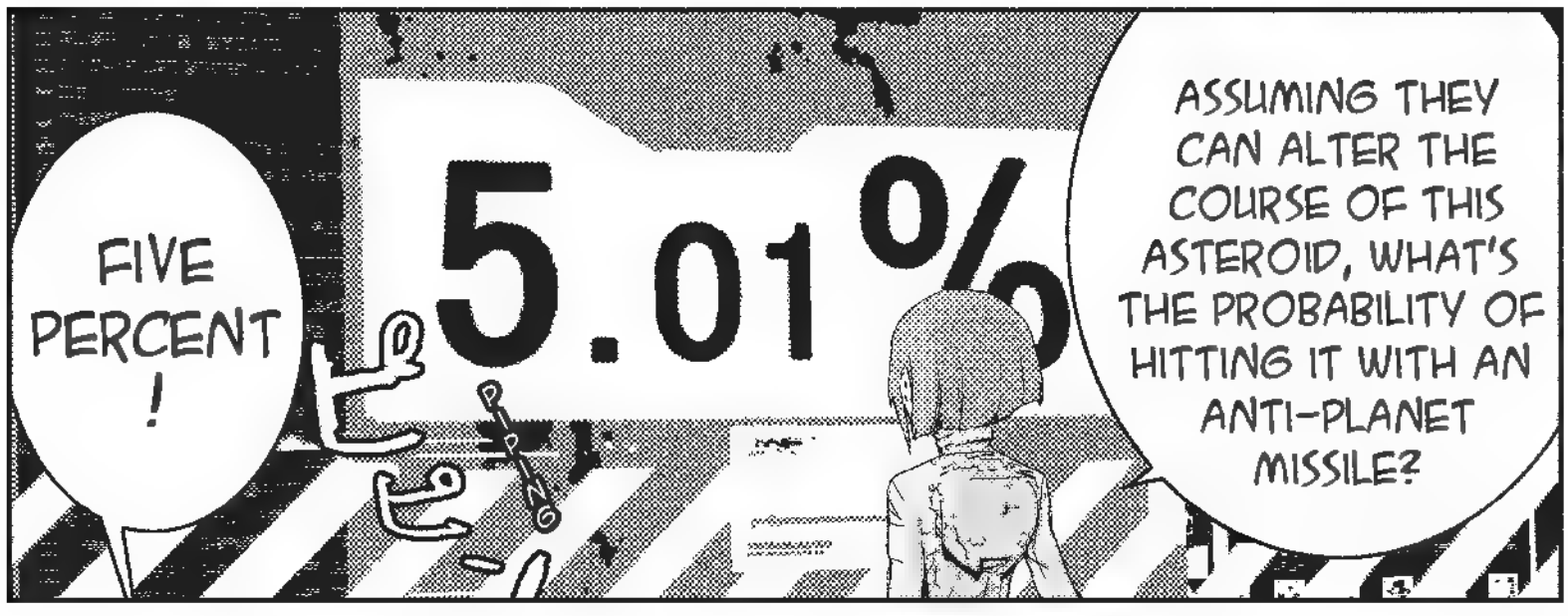


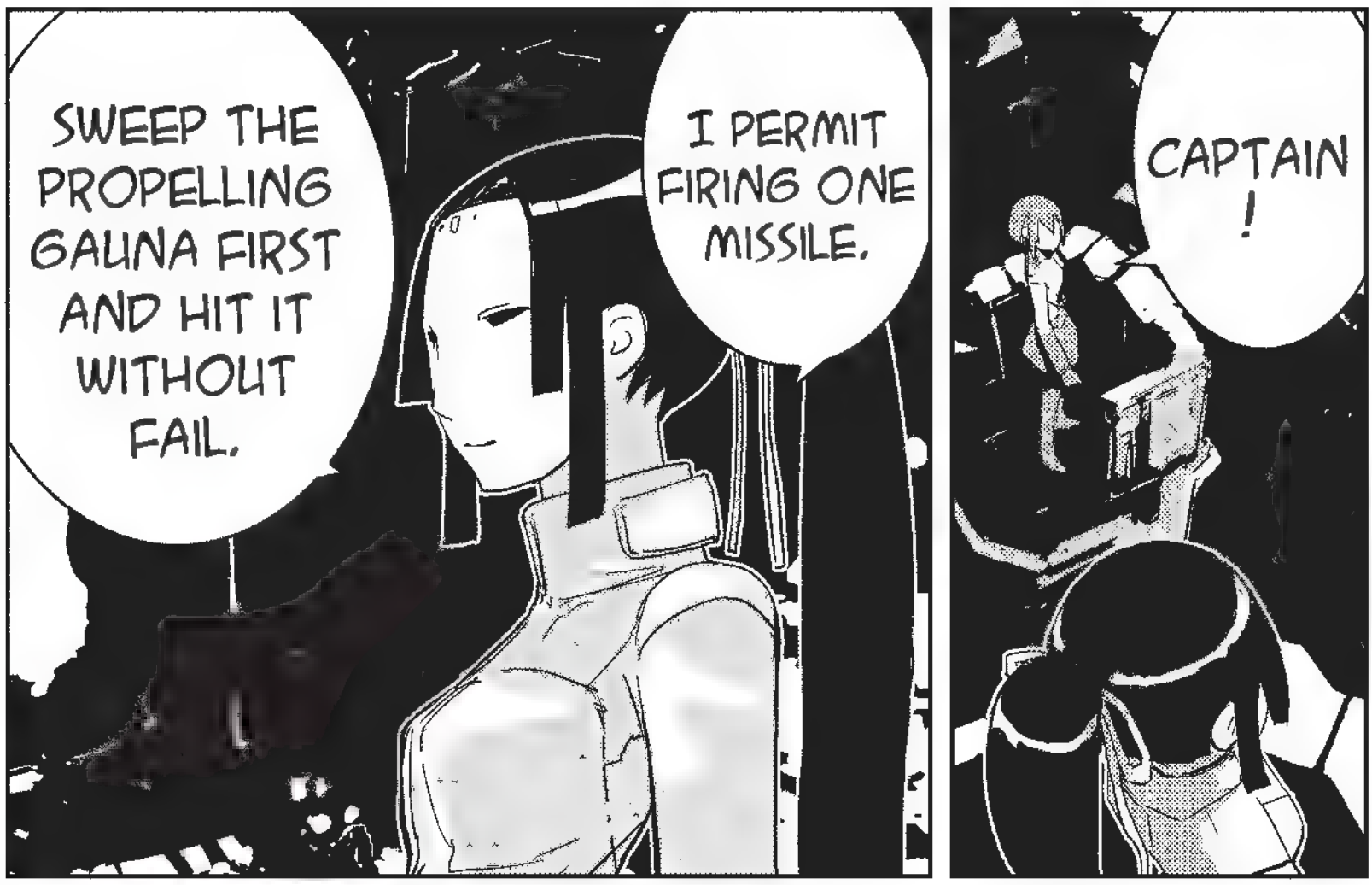

VWOOOT
STILL APPROACHING SIDONIA AT HIGH SPEED !!
CURRENT DISTANCE, 10,000 KILO UNITS!!
VWOOO
WOO


WHY IS AN ASTEROID HEADING FOR...
IT'S LARGE ...


THEY'RE TRYING TO CRASH IT INTO SIDONIA.
SO IT'S BEING PROPELLED BY GALNA ...


MULTIPLE GALNA REACTIONS ON ITS REAR CONFIRMED !


FIVE PERCENT !
5.01%
PIPING
ASSUMING THEY CAN ALTER THE COURSE OF THIS ASTEROID, WHAT'S THE PROBABILITY OF HITTING IT WITH AN ANTI-PLANET MISSILE?


SWEEP THE PROPELLING GALINA FIRST AND HIT IT WITHOUT FAIL.
I PERMIT FIRING ONE MISSILE.
CAPTAIN !


YES, MA'AM !

GAGNNK

AN INCOMING ASTEROID AND ITS ATTACHED GALINAS !!

OUR OPERATION TO REPEL

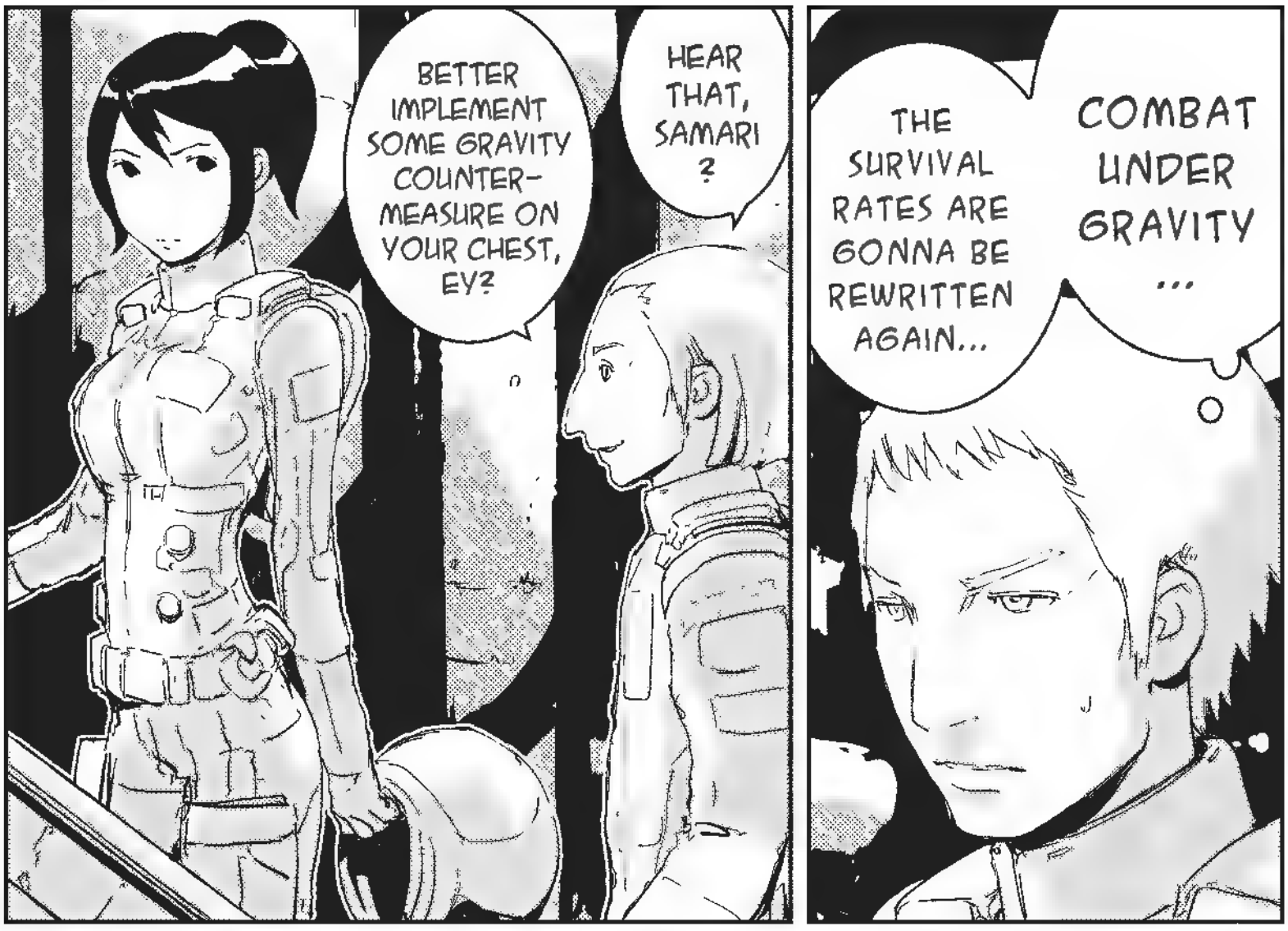
WE SHALL BEGIN

GGNK

TAKE SPECIAL CARE!!

NATURALLY, COMBAT WITHIN THE ASTEROID'S FIELD OF GRAVITY OR EVEN ITS SURFACE MAY OCCUR!

DID SHE SAY GRAVITY ?!!


BETTER IMPLEMENT SOME GRAVITY COUNTER-MEASURE ON YOUR CHEST, EY?
HEAR THAT, SAMARI?
THE SURVIVAL RATES ARE GONNA BE REWRITTEN AGAIN...
COMBAT UNDER GRAVITY...
WHAT'S WRONG, TANIKAZE? YOU SEEM OUT OF IT.
I'M FINE!
OH... UH, I-IT'S NOTHING.

Chapter 22: END


The Captain's Secret
I WONDER WHAT THE CAPTAIN'S FACE LOOKS LIKE.
THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL MAKE IT TO THE TOP.
I WONDER IF I COULD IF I MADE IT UP TO THE TOP RANKS.
I'D LOVE TO SEE IT!
TANIKAZE, MAYBE YOU COULD MAKE IT TO THE TOP, NO?
IF YOU GET TO SEE IT, TELL US!
BUT IT WAS A SECRET HE COULD TELL NO ONE!
HE DID KNOW HER FACE...
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ROARR

Chapter 23: The Asteroid's Approach



One Hundred Sights of Sidonia Part Eighteen:
Kunato Development Vicinity, Alleyway

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GARDE FORCE.

005 SAMARL

NO ISSUES WITH TRAJECTORY. ON APPROACH TO TARGET AS PLANNED!

1ST PLATOON 48 UNITS

HAHH

GSHWOOM

96 UNITS

CLASP ARRAY

48

1

2

48

HAHH

PING

PING

PING

PING

GARDE FORCE CLASP ARRAY CONDITION GOOD.

2ND PLATOON 48

RR

UPDATING

HERE'S THE LATEST INFO ON YOUR TARGET.

CHSZK

HAHH

RR

HAHH

VVMP

BRIDGE COMMAND HQ TO ALL GARDE FORCE UNITS.

BRIDGE CHANNEL

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HAHH

AMMO 100

PRESENTLY CONFIRMED COUNT OF GALINA CORES: 312.

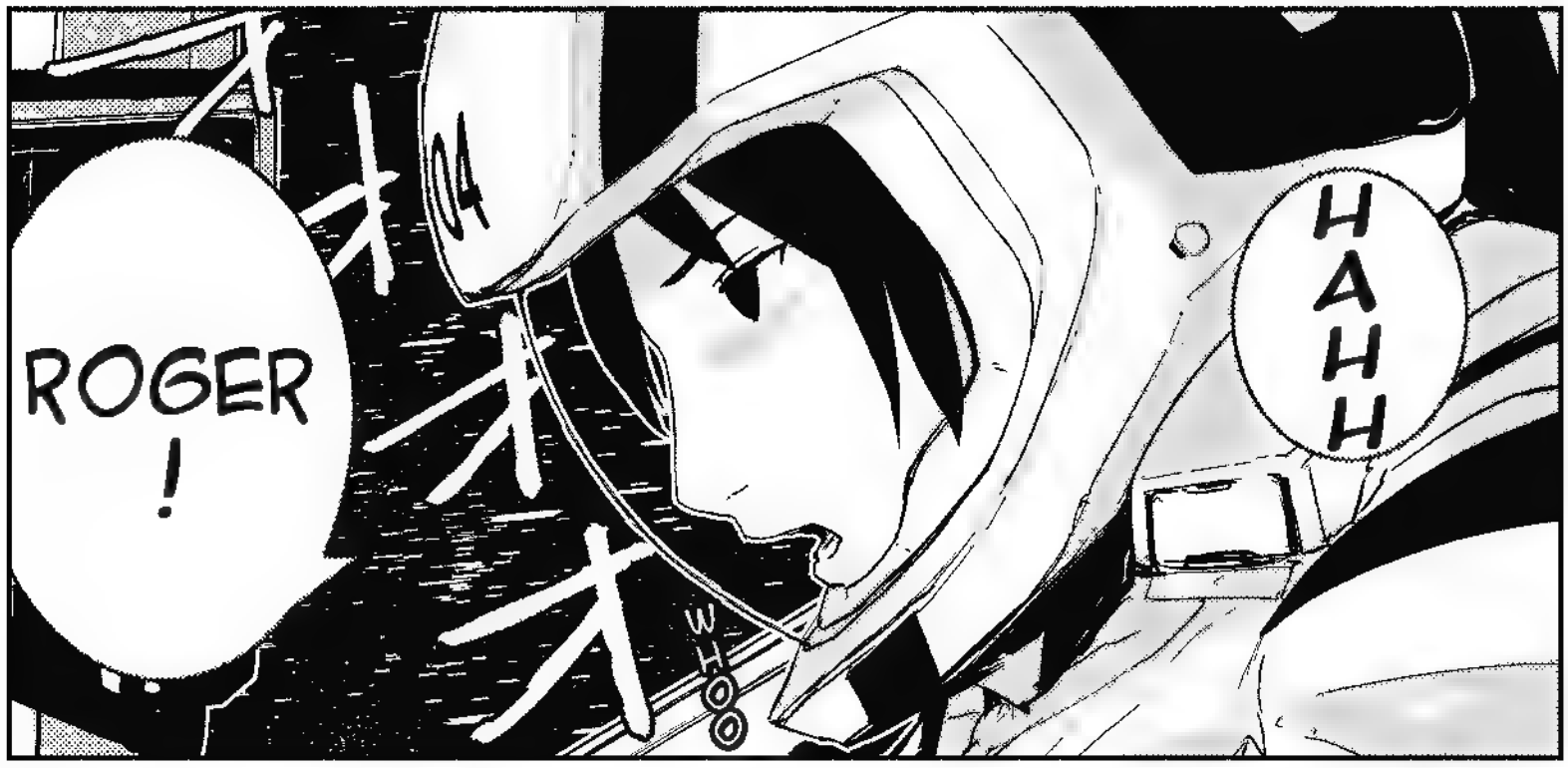
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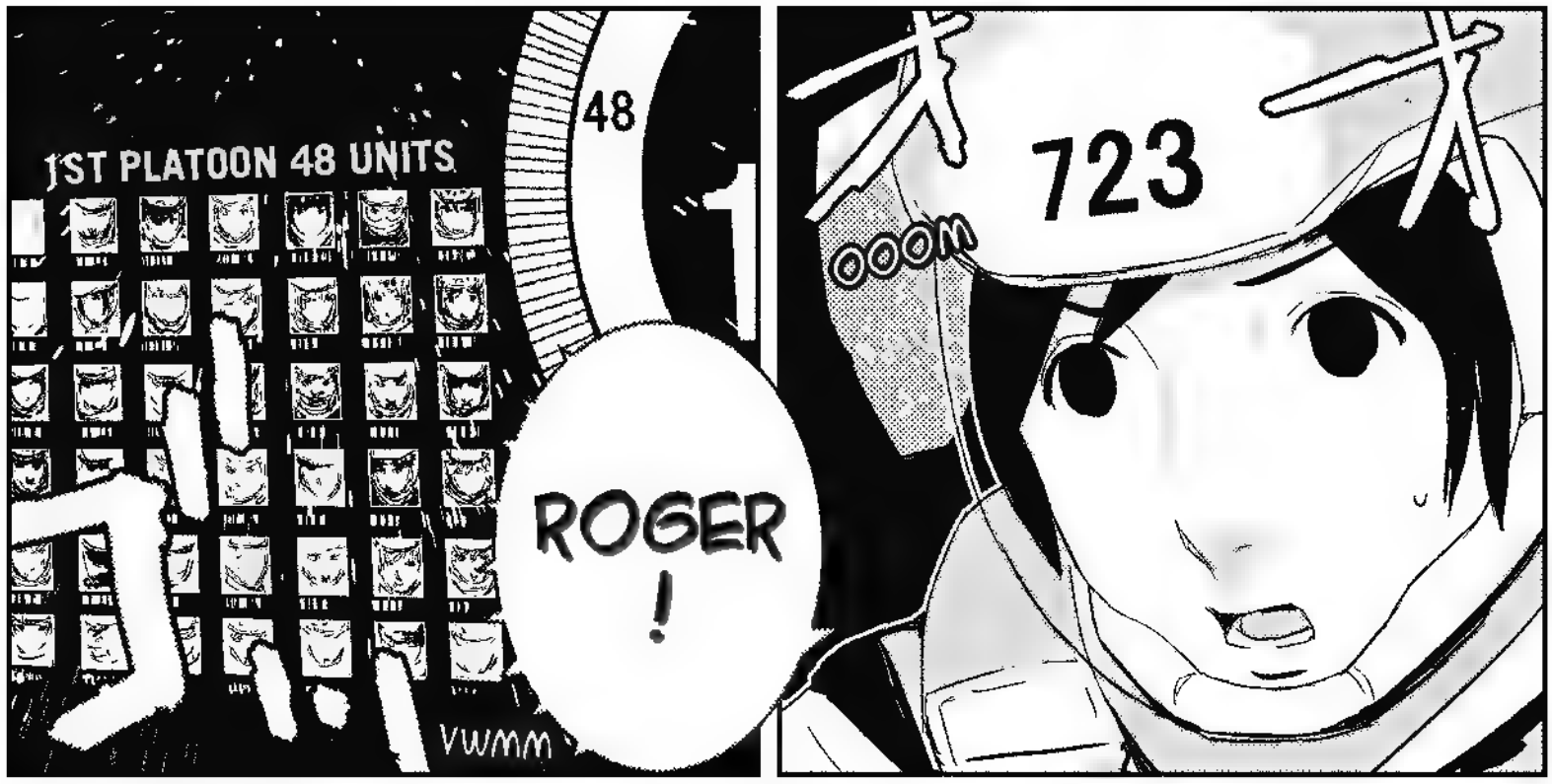
THEIR FORMATION INDICATES THEY'RE LINKED GAUNA

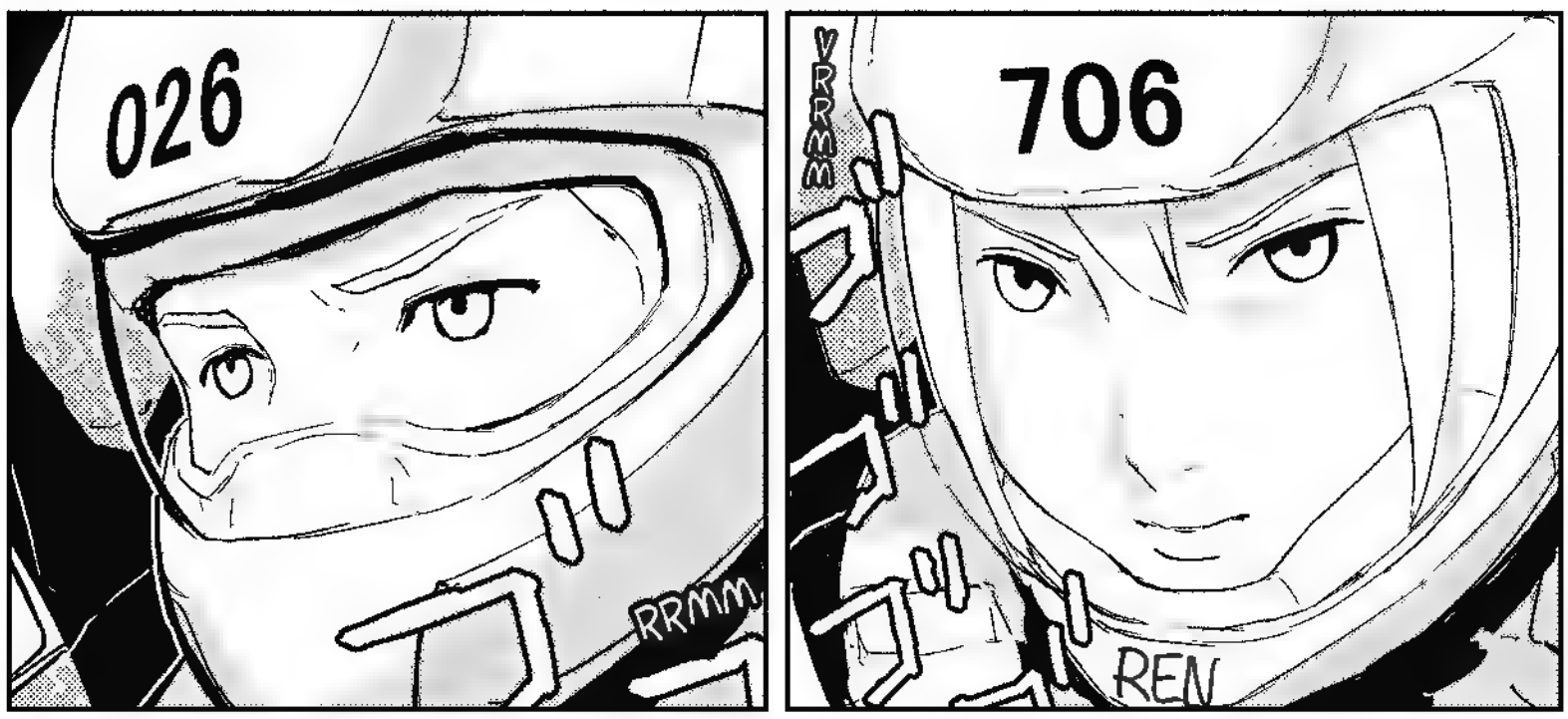
ACTING AS THE SOURCE OF PROPULSION.

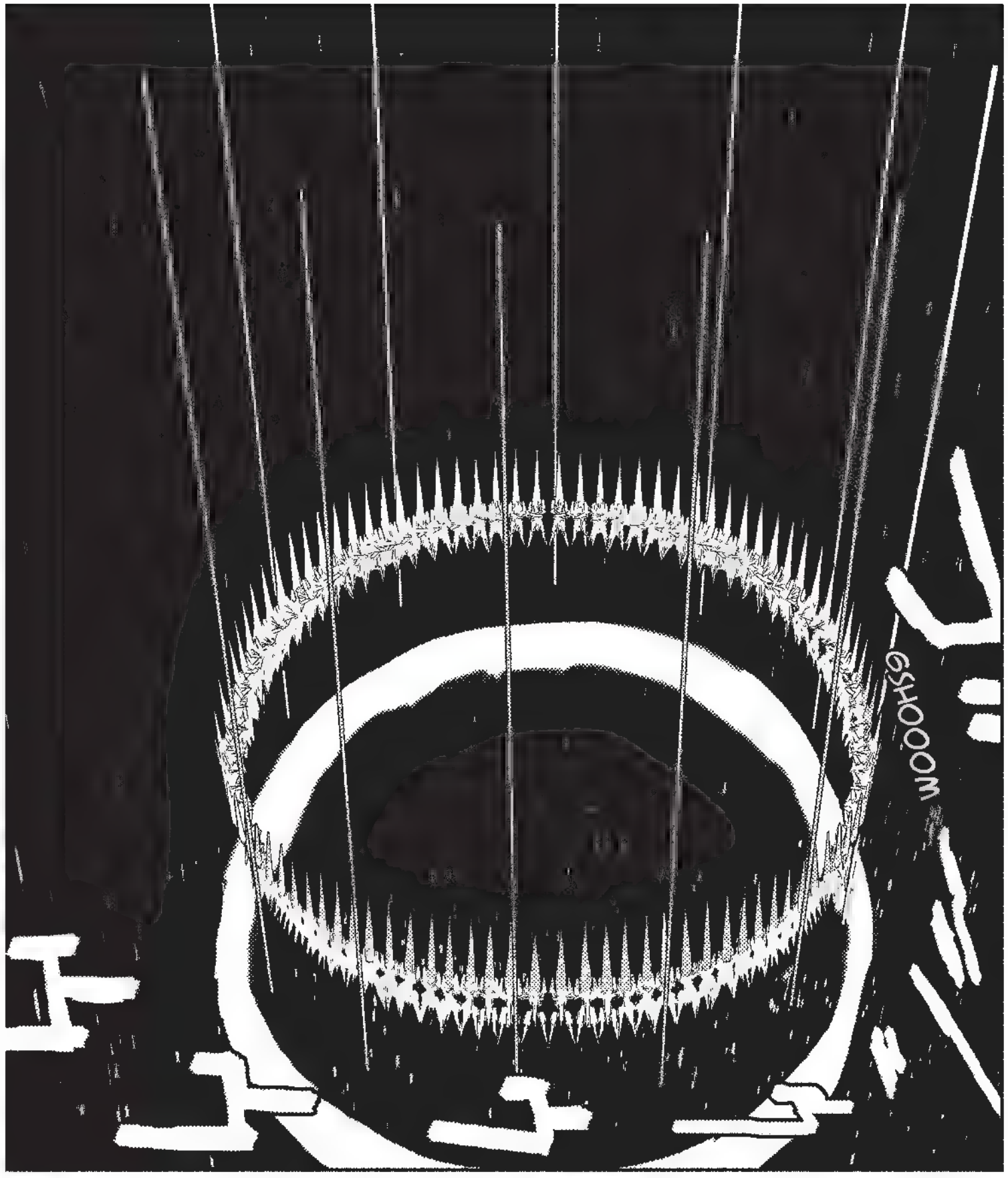
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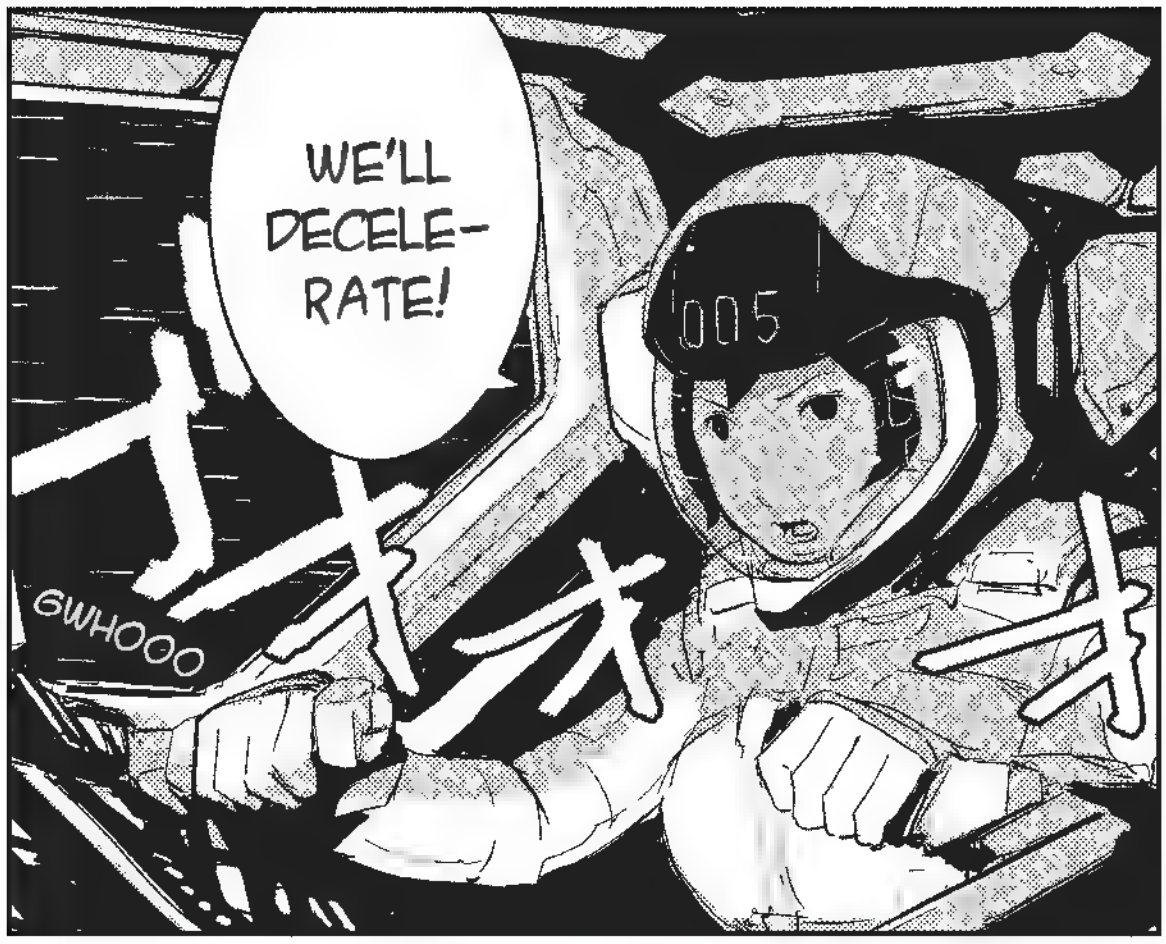

ROGER !
HAHH
WHOO


1ST PLATOON 48 UNITS
48
1
ROGER !
VWMM
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OOOM


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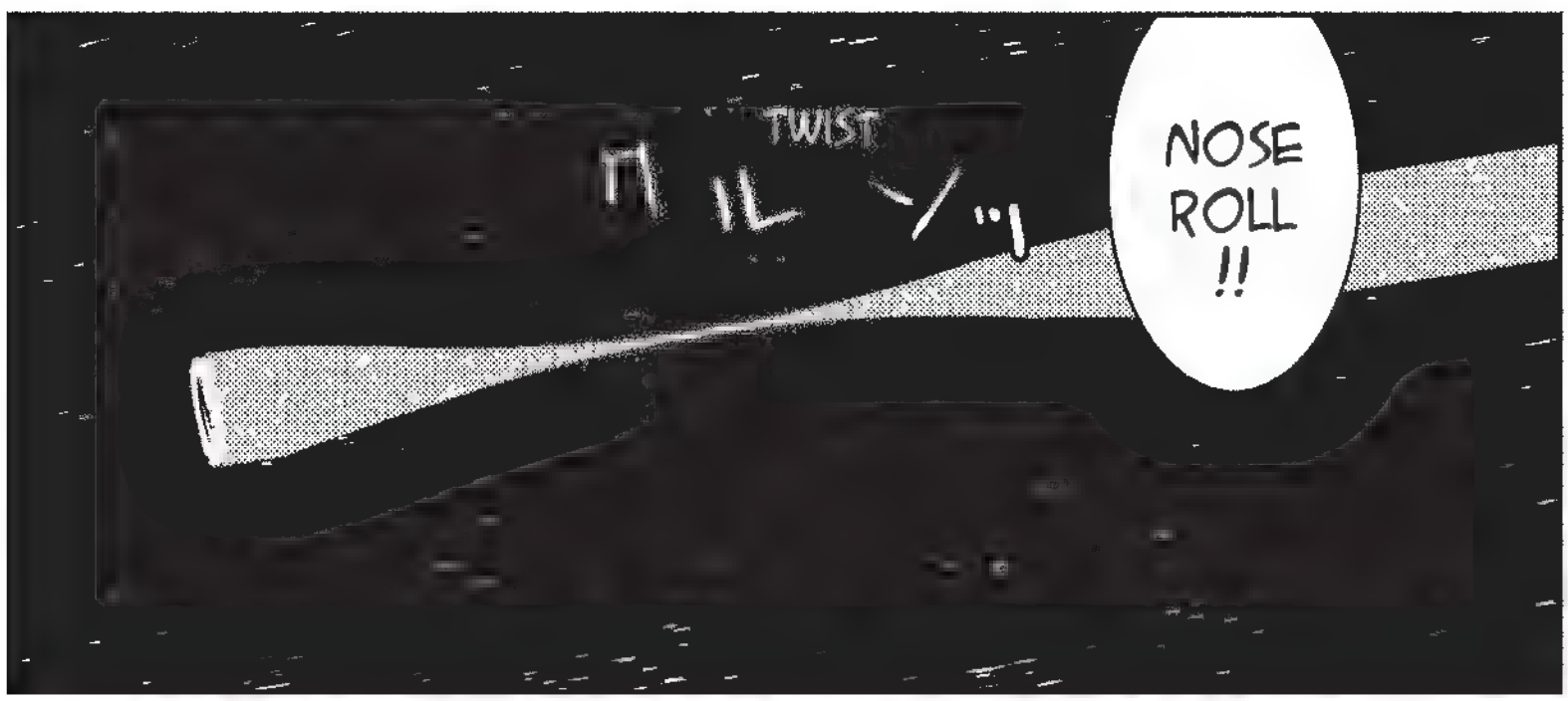

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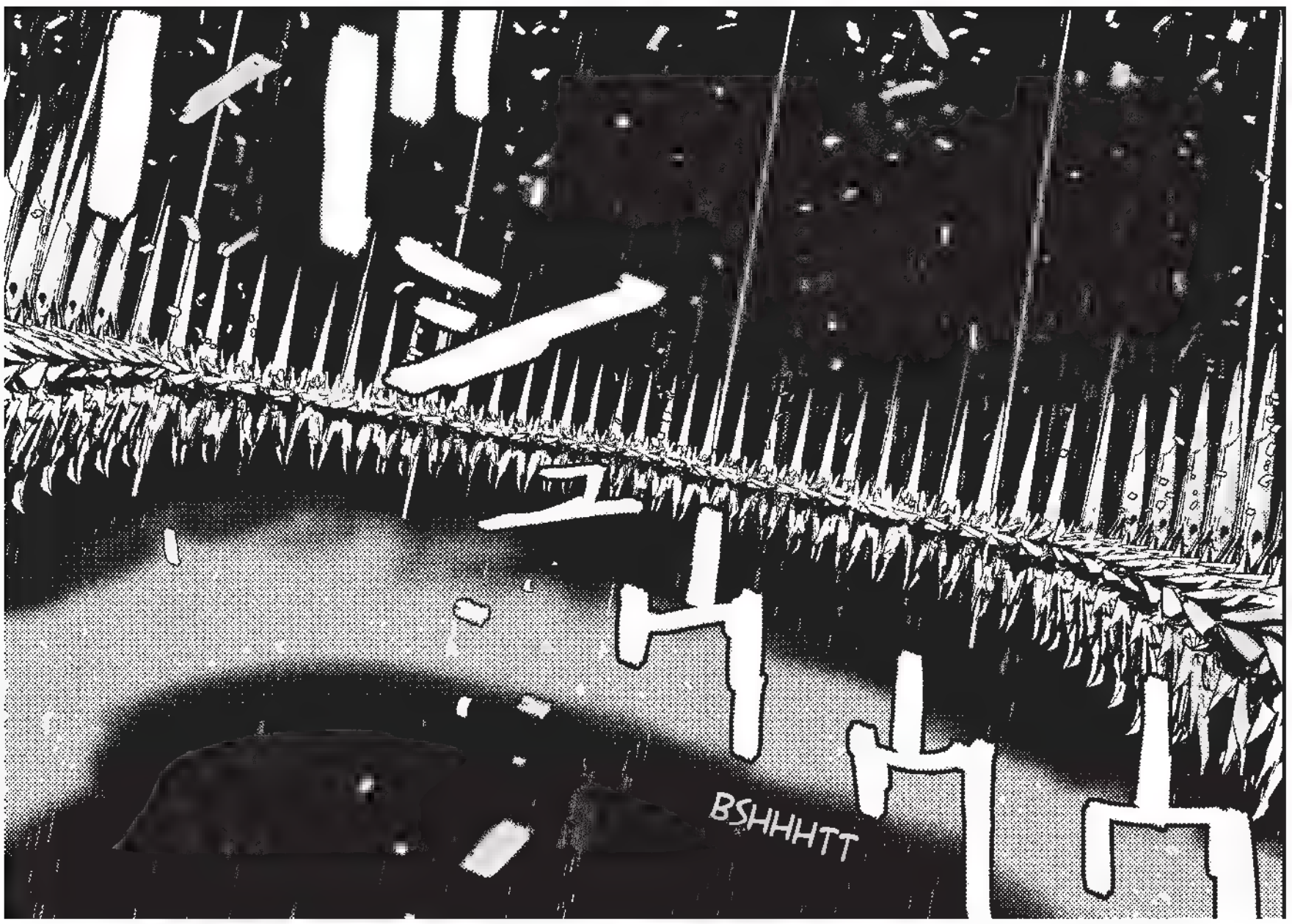

WE'LL DECELE-RATE!
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GWHOOO

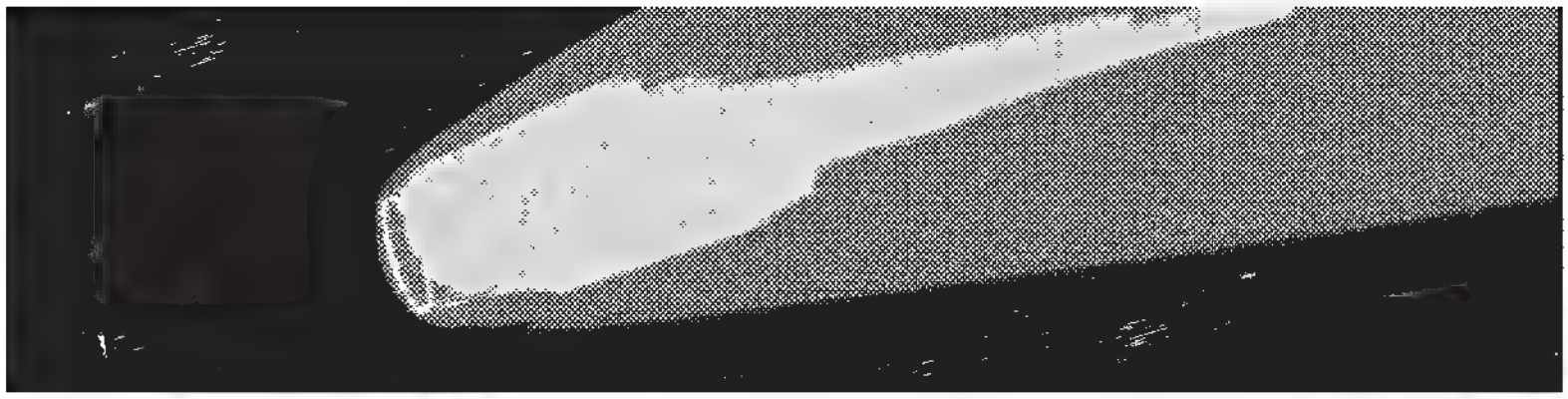

NO CHANGE IN TARGET!

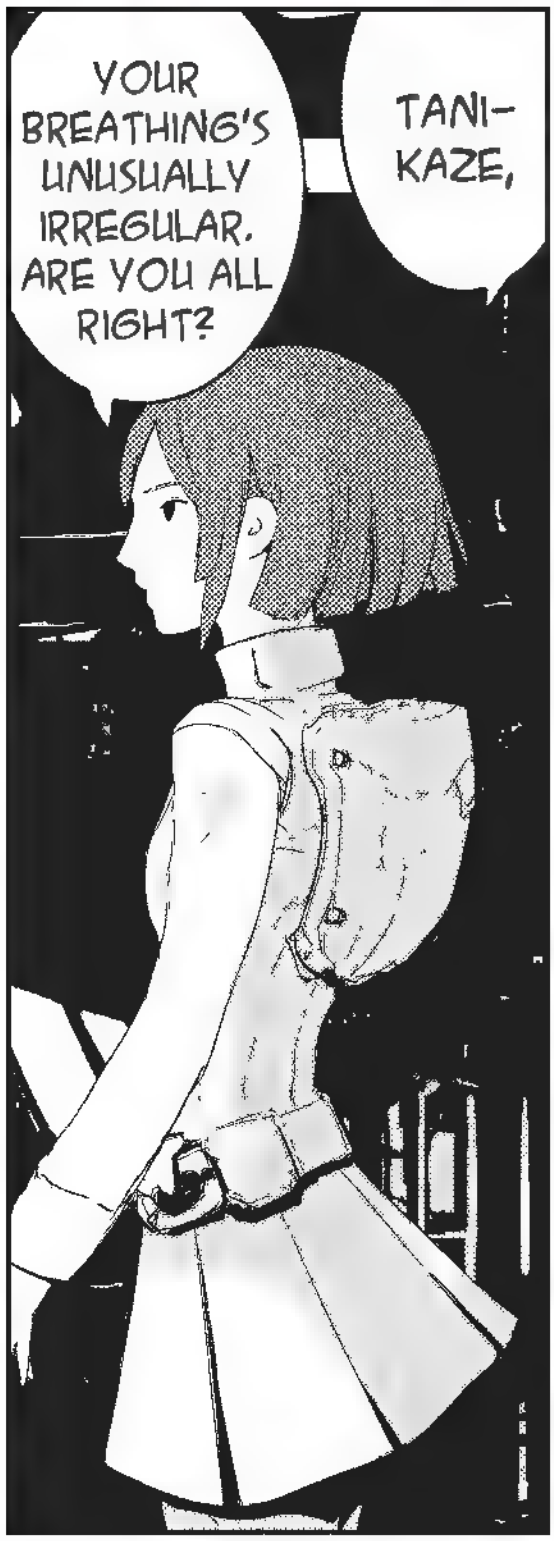

CEASE ACCELERA-TION!!
BFFMP

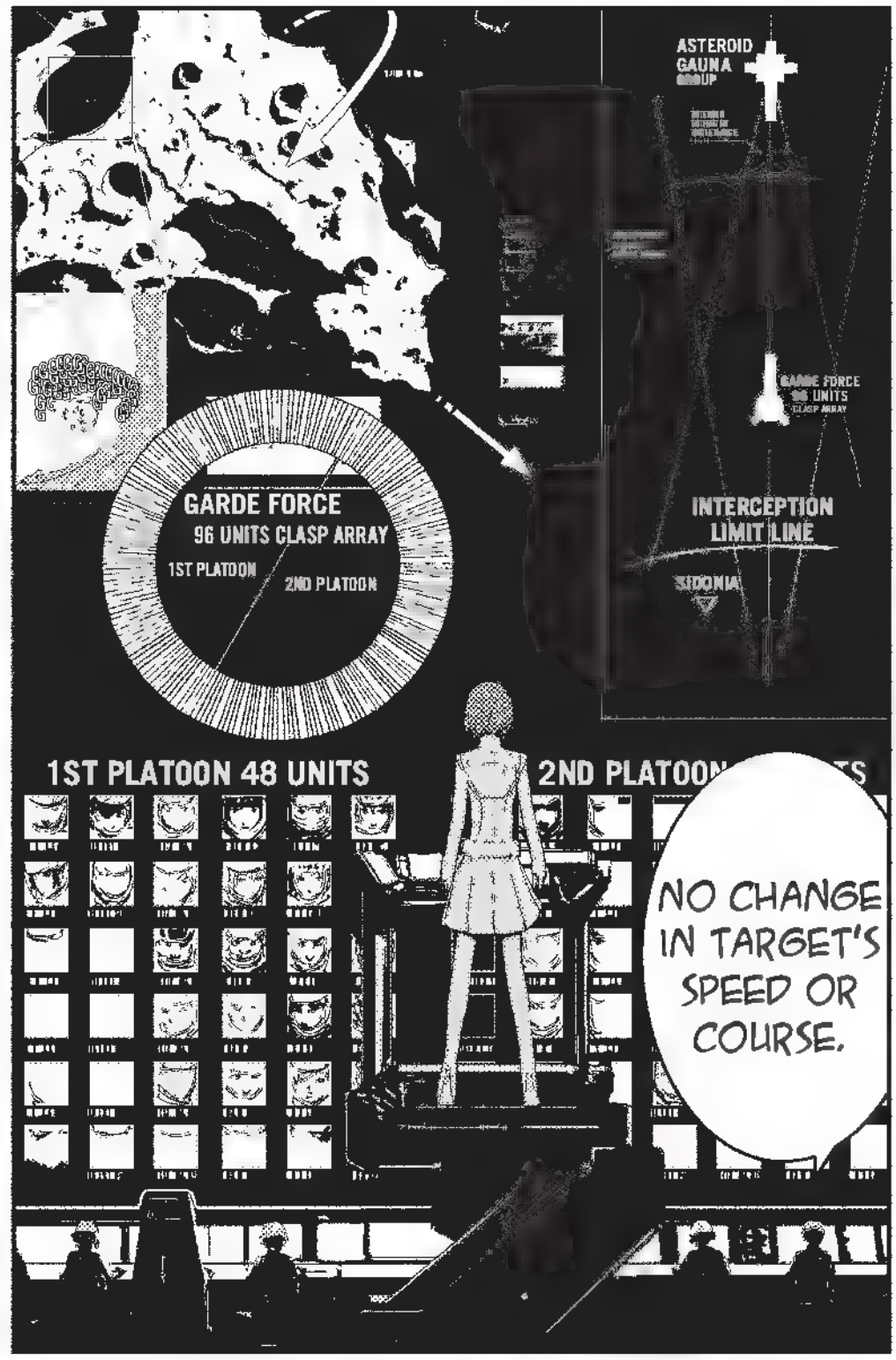

TWIST
NOSE ROLL!!

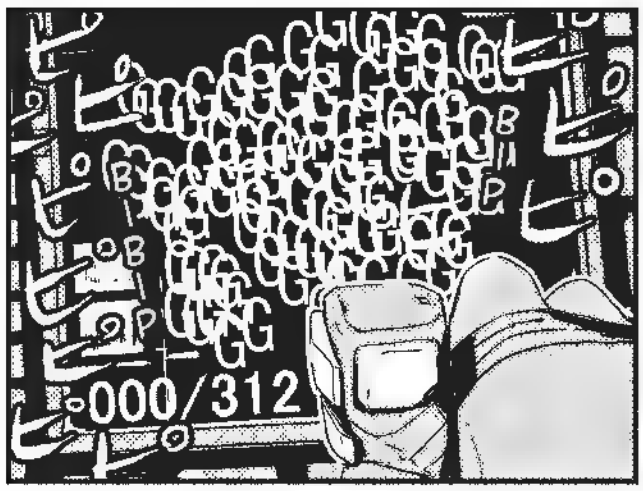

BOOM
THRUST
!!
J05

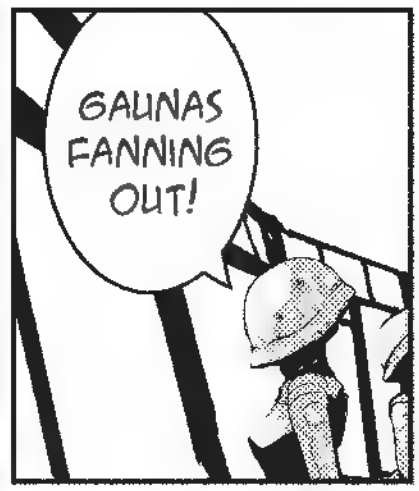

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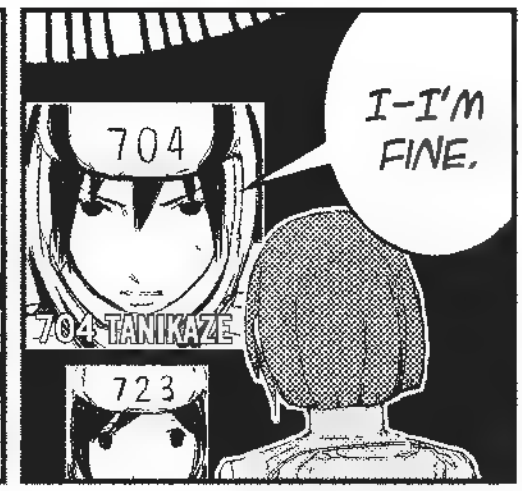



YOUR BREATHING'S UNUSUALLY IRREGULAR. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
TANI-KAZE,


ASTEROID GAUNA
GARDE FORCE 96 UNITS CLASP ARRAY
INTERCEPTION LIMIT LINE
SIDONIA
GARDE FORCE
96 UNITS CLASP ARRAY
1ST PLATOON
2ND PLATOON
1ST PLATOON 48 UNITS
NO CHANGE IN TARGET'S SPEED OR COURSE.

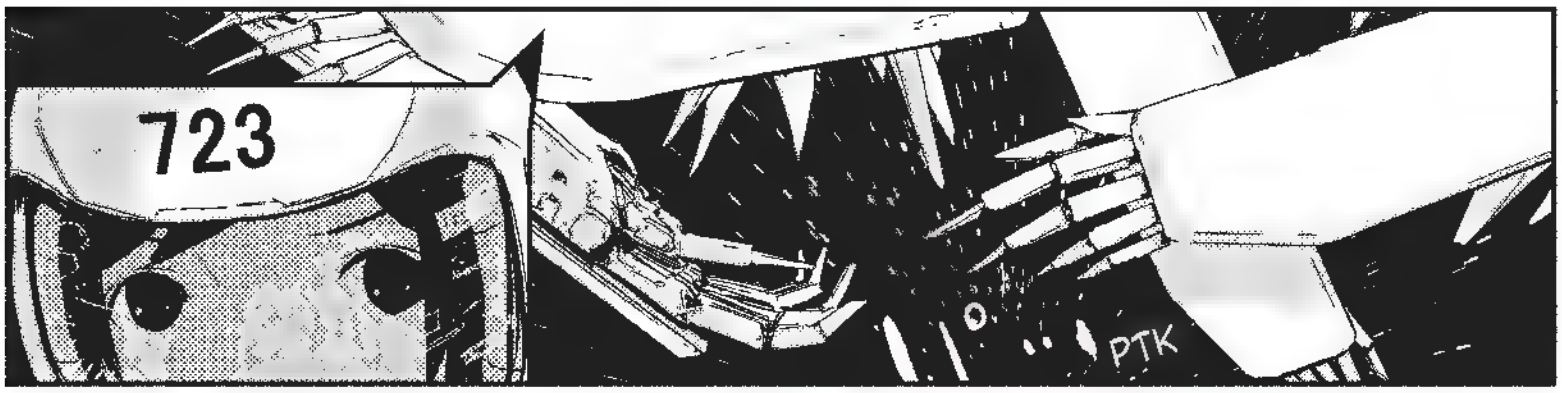

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GAUNAS FANNING OUT!

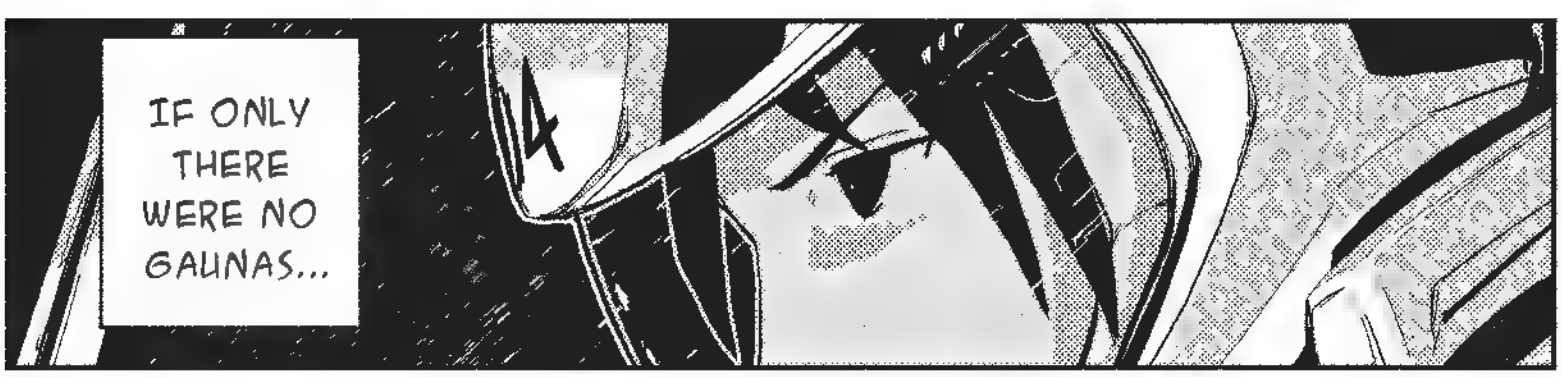

I-I'M FINE.
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704 TANIKAZE
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HALT DECELER-ATION !!
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GWHOOO
TARGET WILL SOON BE WITHIN GCPDS RANGE.


CLASP ARRAY DISENGAGED

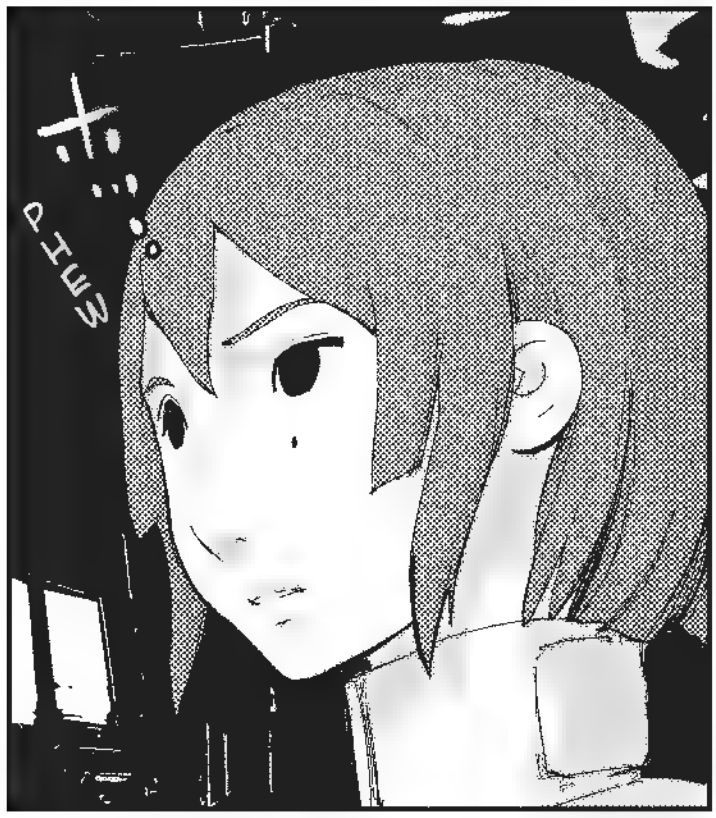

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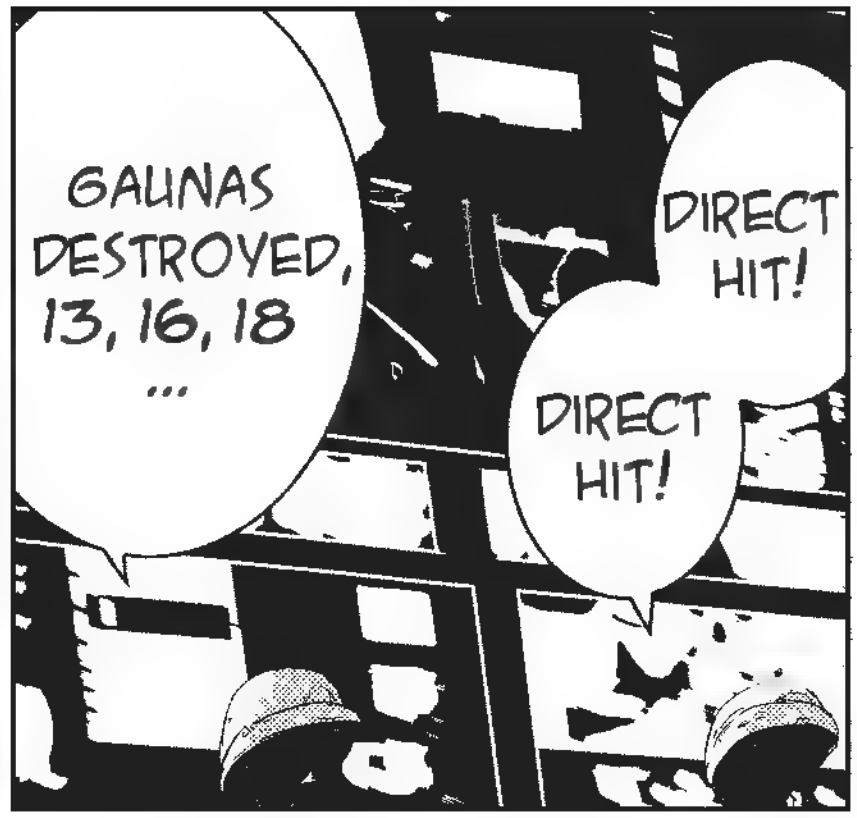

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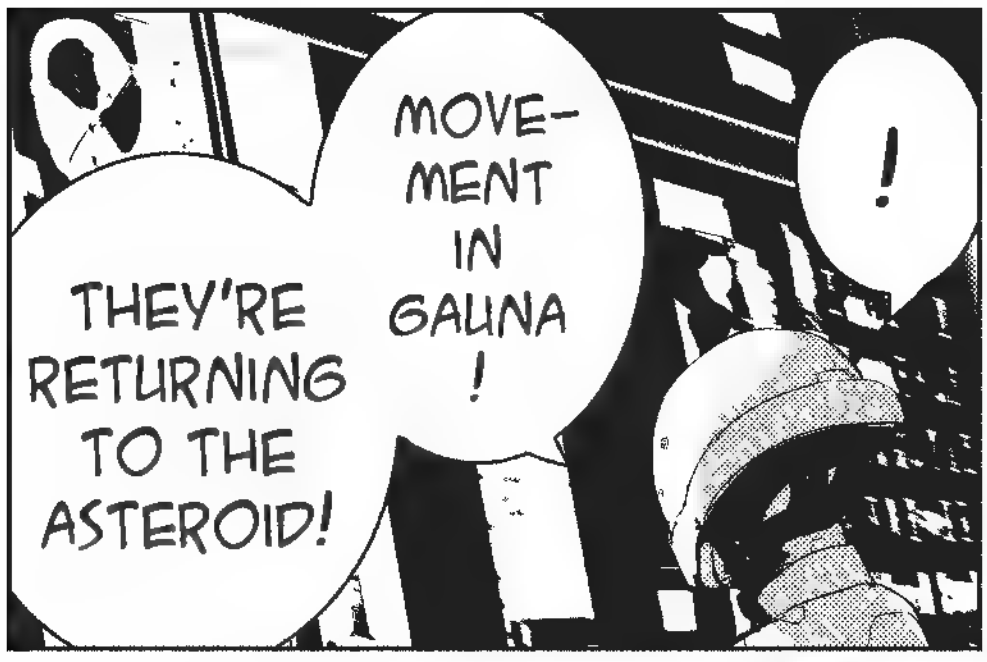

IF ONLY THERE WERE NO GAUNAS...
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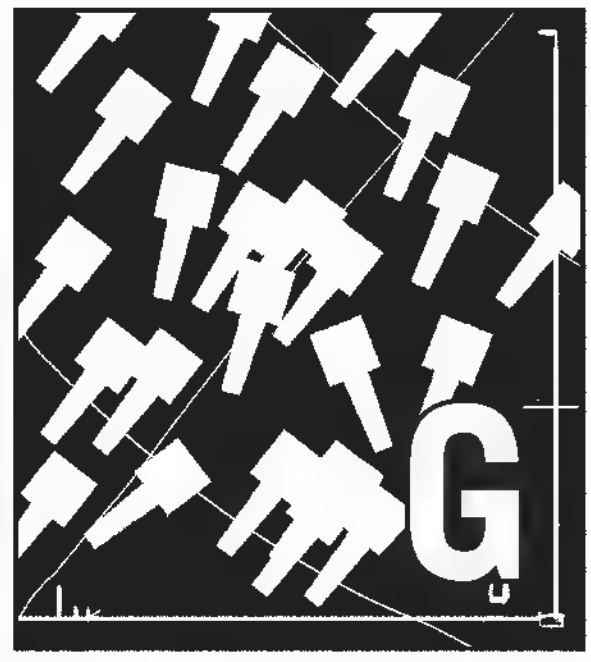

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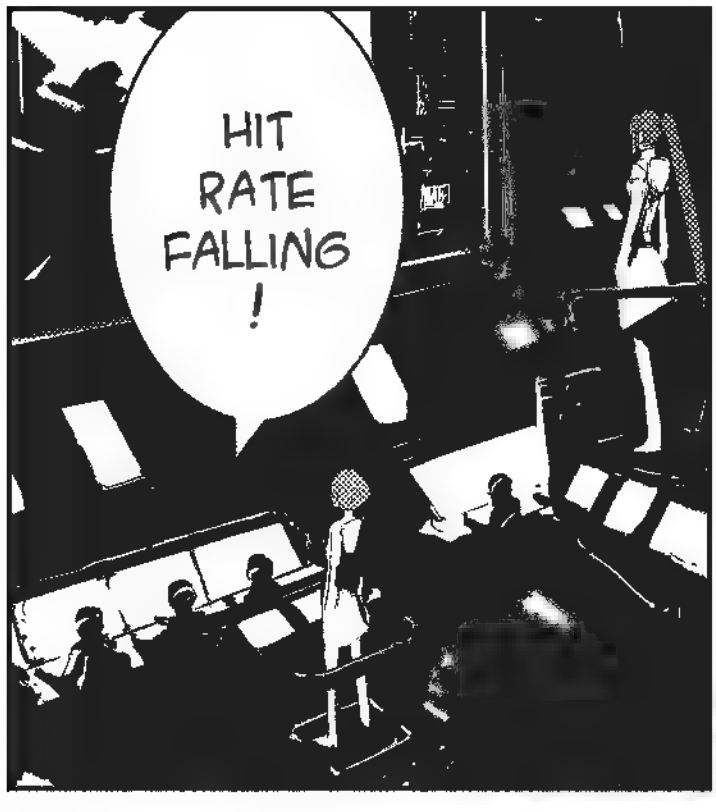

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DEEMP

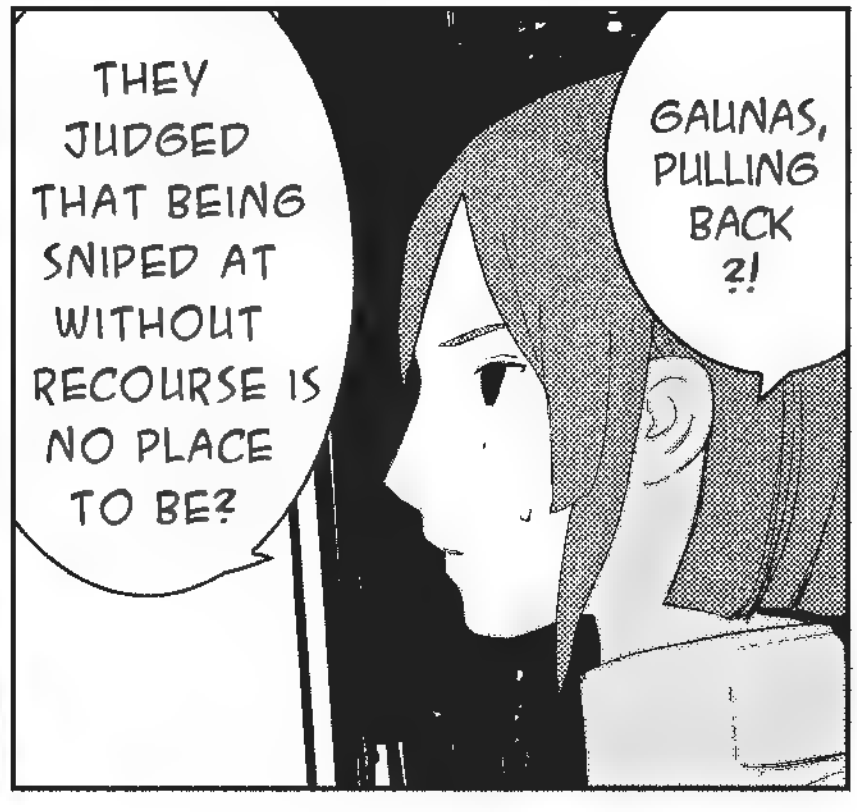

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GAUNAS DESTROYED, 13, 16, 18 ...
DIRECT HIT!
DIRECT HIT!


MOVE-MENT IN GAUNA !
!
THEY'RE RETURNING TO THE ASTEROID!


G


HIT RATE FALLING !


THEY JUDGED THAT BEING SNIPED AT WITHOUT RECOURSE IS NO PLACE TO BE?
GAUNAS, PULLING BACK ?!

ASTEROID GAUNA GROUP

TARGET CLOSING IN!

GARDE FORCE WILL SOON ENTER THE ASTEROID'S FIELD OF GRAVITY!!

GARDE FORCE 96 UNITS

INTERCEPTION LIMIT LINE

THAT WILL DO!

DON'T WASTE AMMO!

CEASE FIRE!!

PURGE BARREL EXTEN-SIONS!!

GWOO-

005

FIRST PLATOON, ENTERING ROUTE A ORBIT!

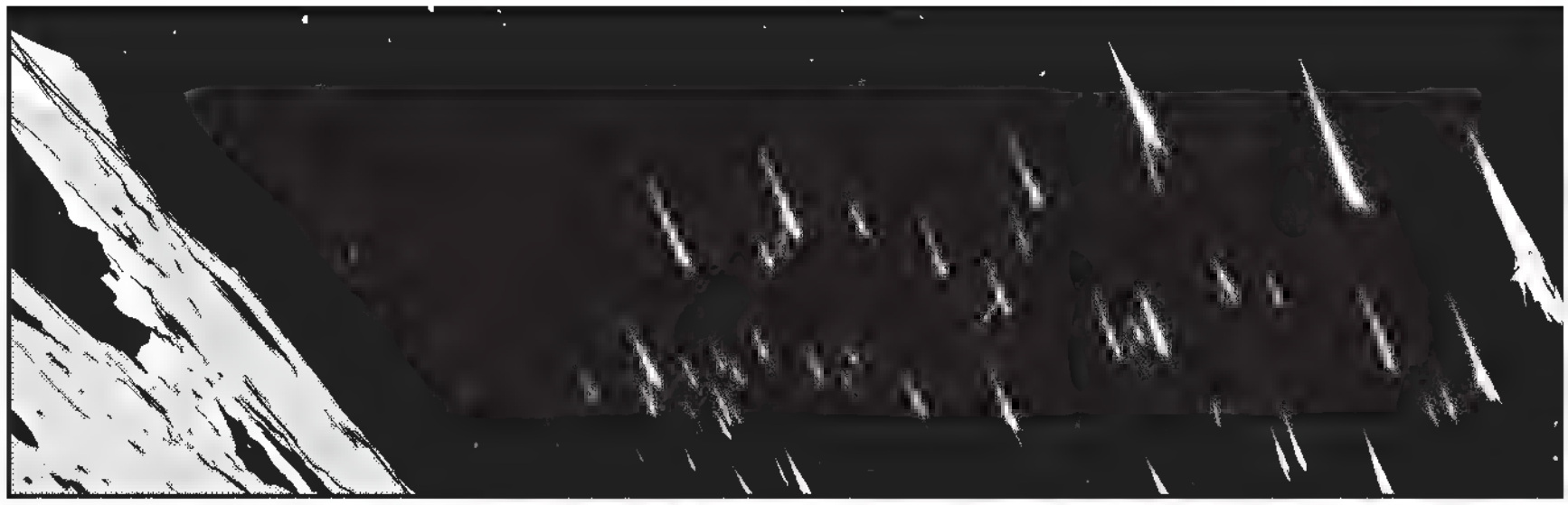
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SECOND PLATOON, ONTO ROUTE B POLAR ORBIT!!

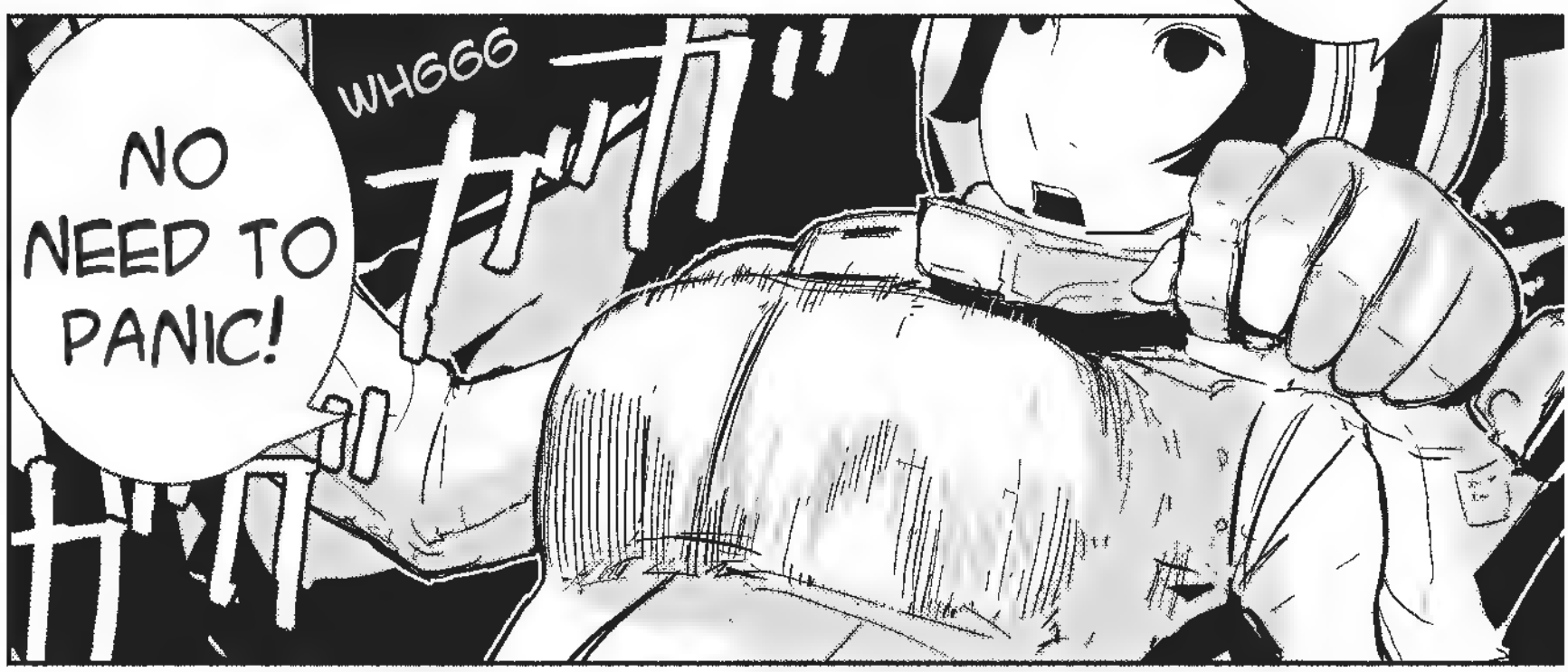
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KWHEEE


WHASS




WHOA !
I'M BEING PULLED !!
THAT'S IT, STAY AT IT!


NO NEED TO PANIC!
WHGGG

!!

I CAN'T, IT WON'T STABILIZE!

UNIT 561, YOU STILL HAVE YOUR BARREL EXTENSION ON!

ゴキキキキ

VWHOO

HAA-AAAH

561

WHG

ビビビビビビ

BIBIBIP

666

THE UNIT'S DAMN HEAVY!!

HURRY AND DUMP IT!

ブゴ

GONKK

VWHM

VWHM

!

BOOM

UNIT 561 HAS CRASHED INTO THE ASTEROID! MASSIVE DAMAGE !!

2ND PLA OON

UNIT 312— MAJOR DEVIATION FROM ORBIT!

WHOM

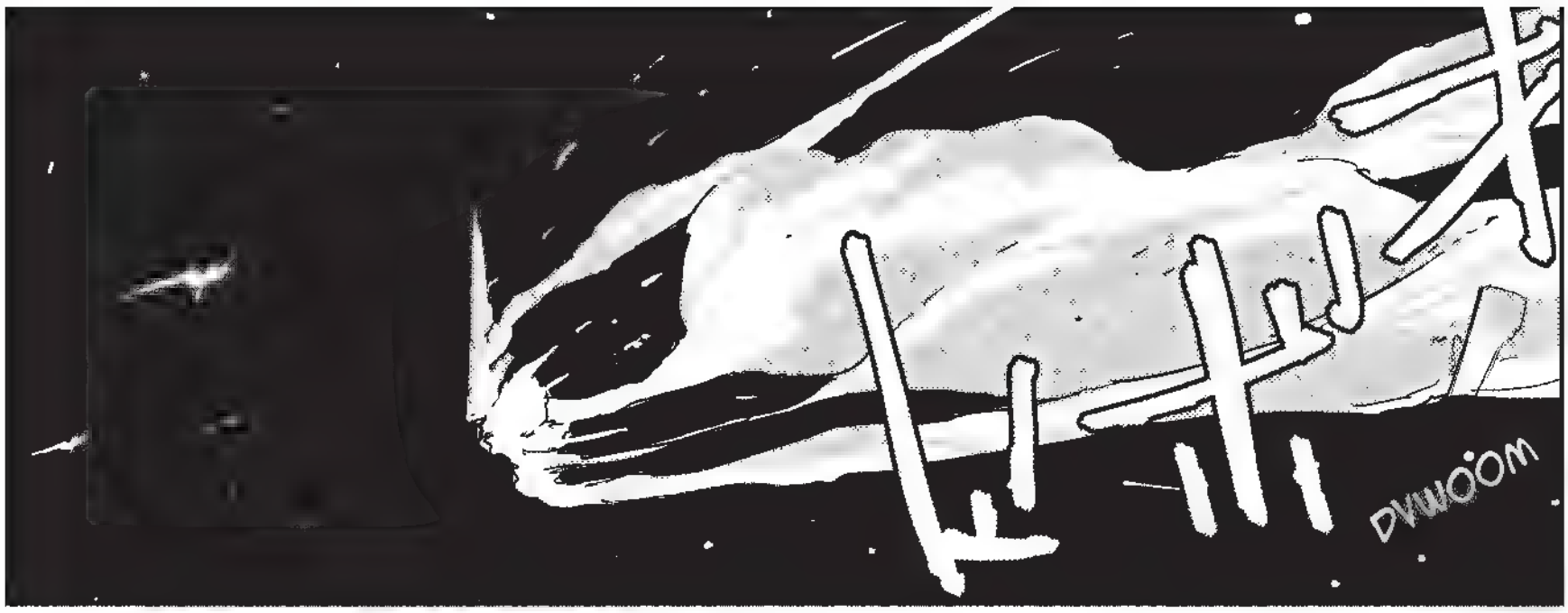
BAMM

AAAAAHHH!!

GAUNAS CONCEALED ON THE SURFACE AHEAD OF FIRST PLATOON!!

POFF

PWAMM


DWWOOM


VNNN
VNNN

HIGGS CANNONS FROM THE SURFACE!!

VNNNN

VNN

KINNK

DFOOM

005

DON'T CROWD TOGE-THER !!

BUOOM

DOMM

VNN

I'VE BEEN HIT! I CAN'T SEE A THING!

UNIT 314 DEVIATING FROM ORBIT!

NOO !!

1ST PLATOON

2ND PLATOON

ACCOUNT FOR RECOIL FROM THE PROJECTILE ACCELERATOR !!

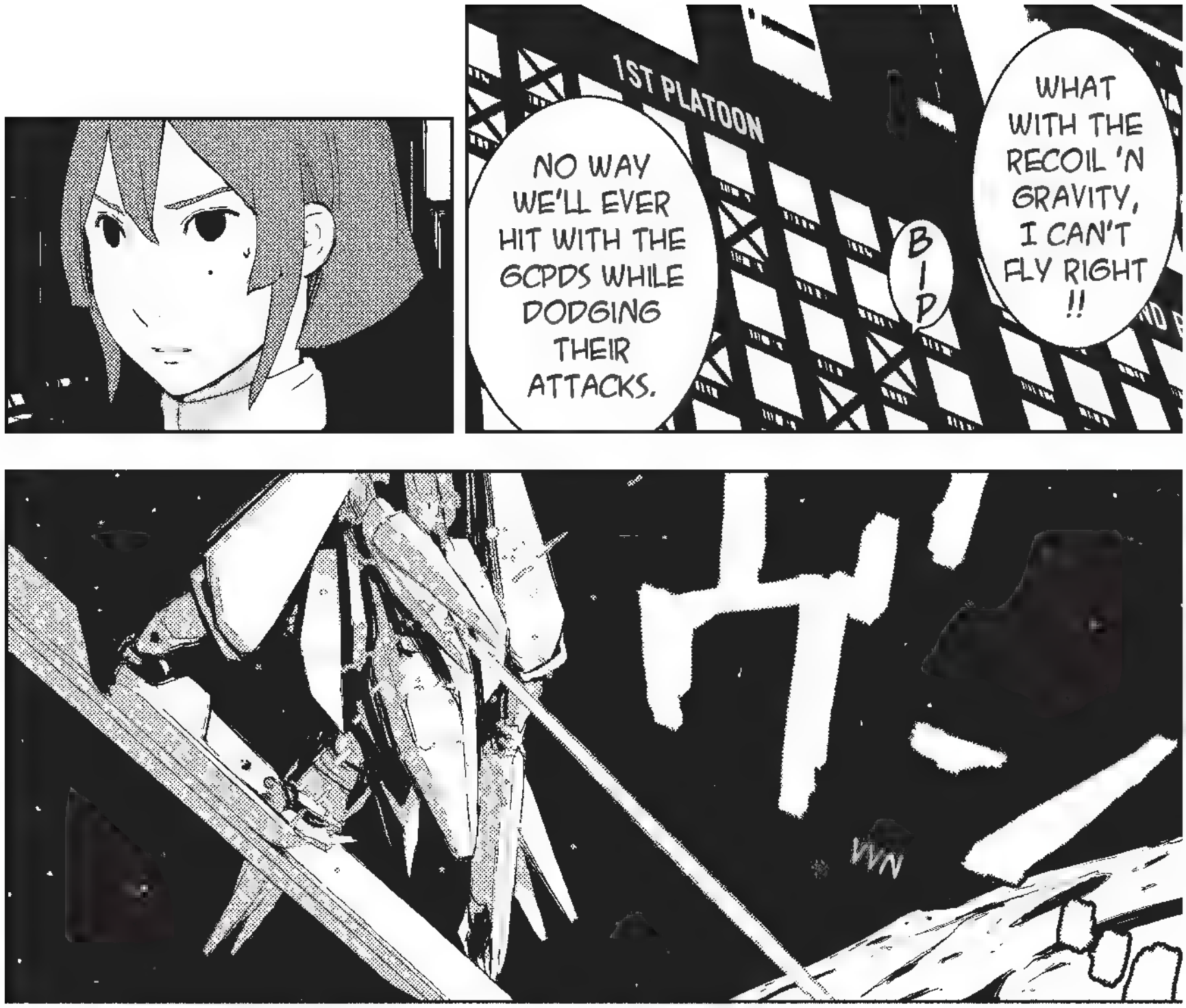
MAJOR DAMAGE TO UNIT 831.

UNIT 546! YOU'RE LOSING ALTITUDE !!

VWOM

FWHRRR




1ST PLATOON
NO WAY WE'LL EVER HIT WITH THE GCPDS WHILE DODGING THEIR ATTACKS.
BID
WHAT WITH THE RECOIL 'N GRAVITY, I CAN'T FLY RIGHT !!
VVN
SQUAD LEADER SAMARI! WE WON'T WIN THIS SHOOT-OUT...
26
THEY'VE GOT US ENCIRCLED !
BPCHTT
WOBBLE

WE'RE ALMOST AT THE FACE OF THE CONE!!

9

GWHOOO

POWER SOURCE

2ND PLATOON

INTERCEPTION LIMIT LINE

SIDONIA

THIS IS SECOND PLATOON ...

019

019

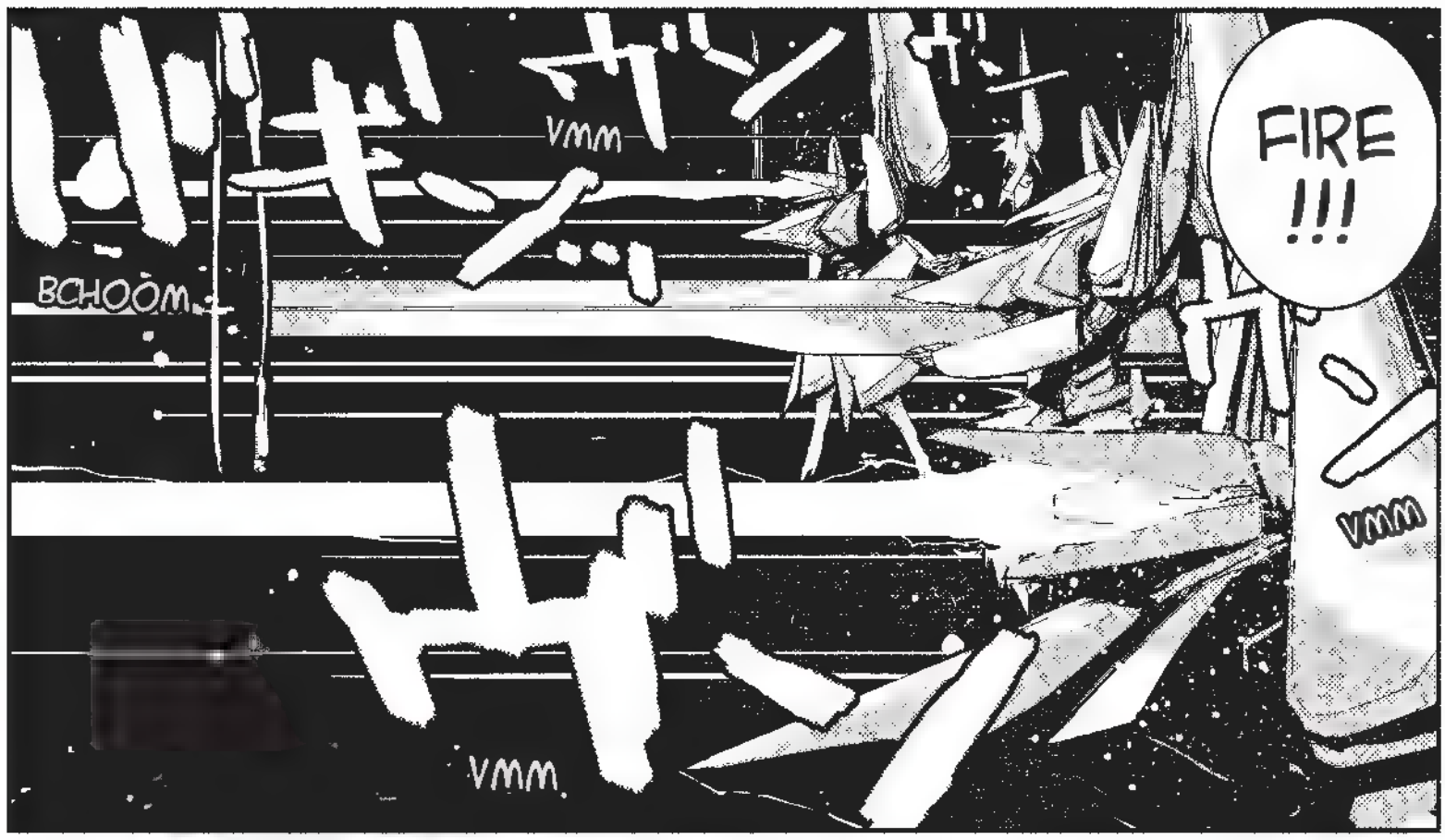
KWHEEE

WOO




GGNK


WE'LL DESTROY THE CENTRAL CORE MASS!!
GWHOO
THAT'S THE LINKED GAUNA !!


VMM
BCHOOM
FIRE !!!
VMM
VMM


CORE MASS
30.
BIP
BIP
BIP
1ST
2ND PLATOON
PLACENTA EROSION LEVEL, 20, 30, 35...


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6
6
6
6

RAAH!!

ORE ASS

70.

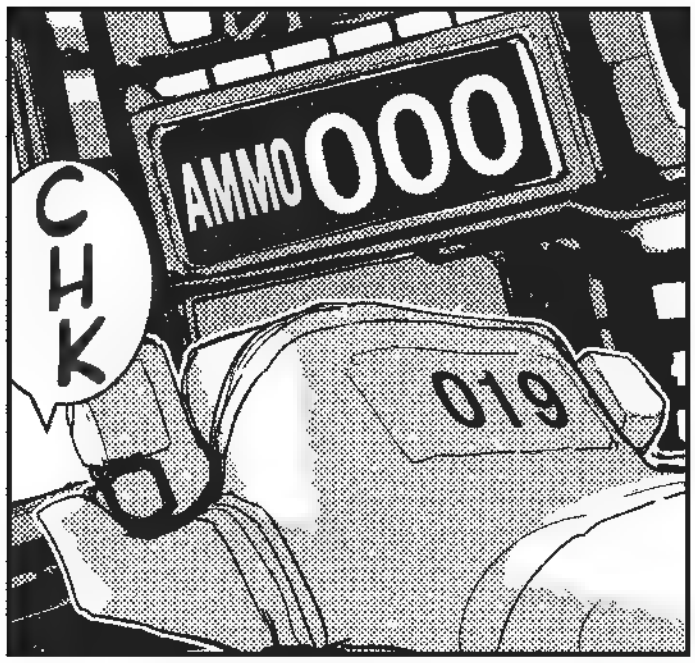
RE-MAINING HIGGS LEVELS MINIMAL!

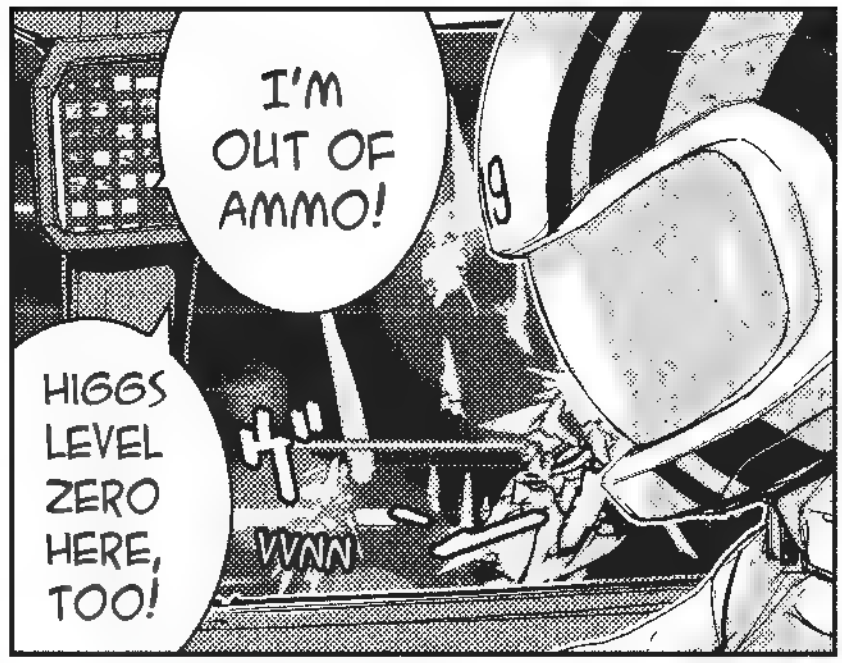
GCPDS NEARLY DEPLETED!

90.

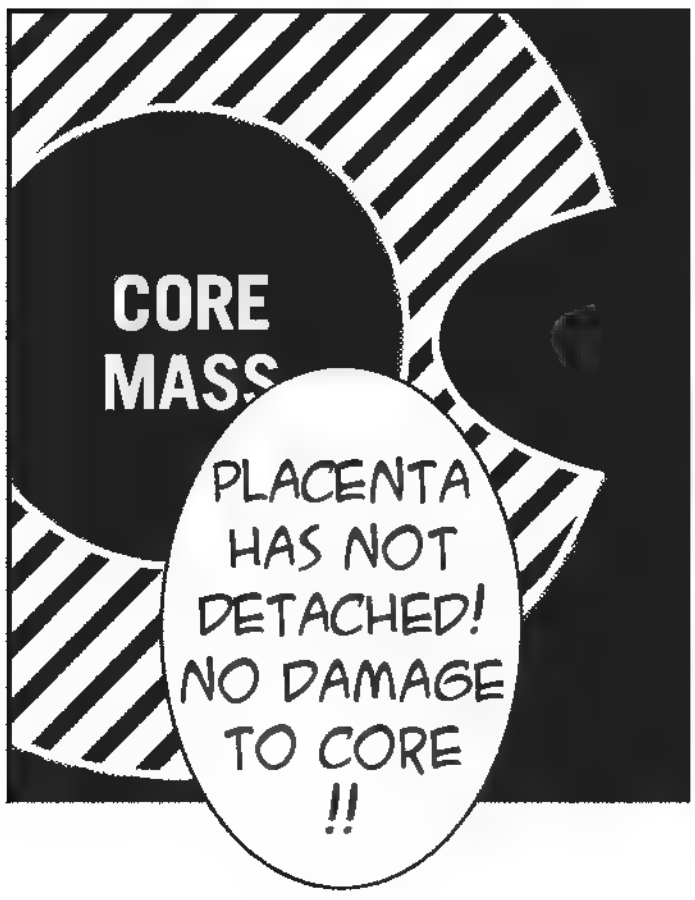
EROSION LEVEL 90%!

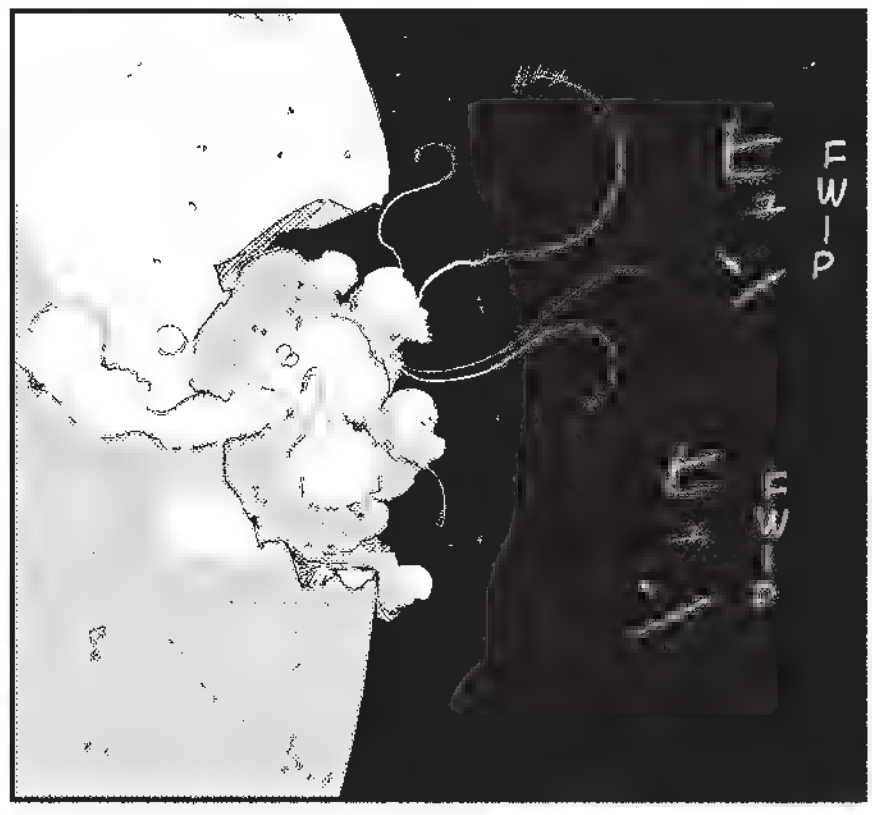
JUST A BIT MORE!!

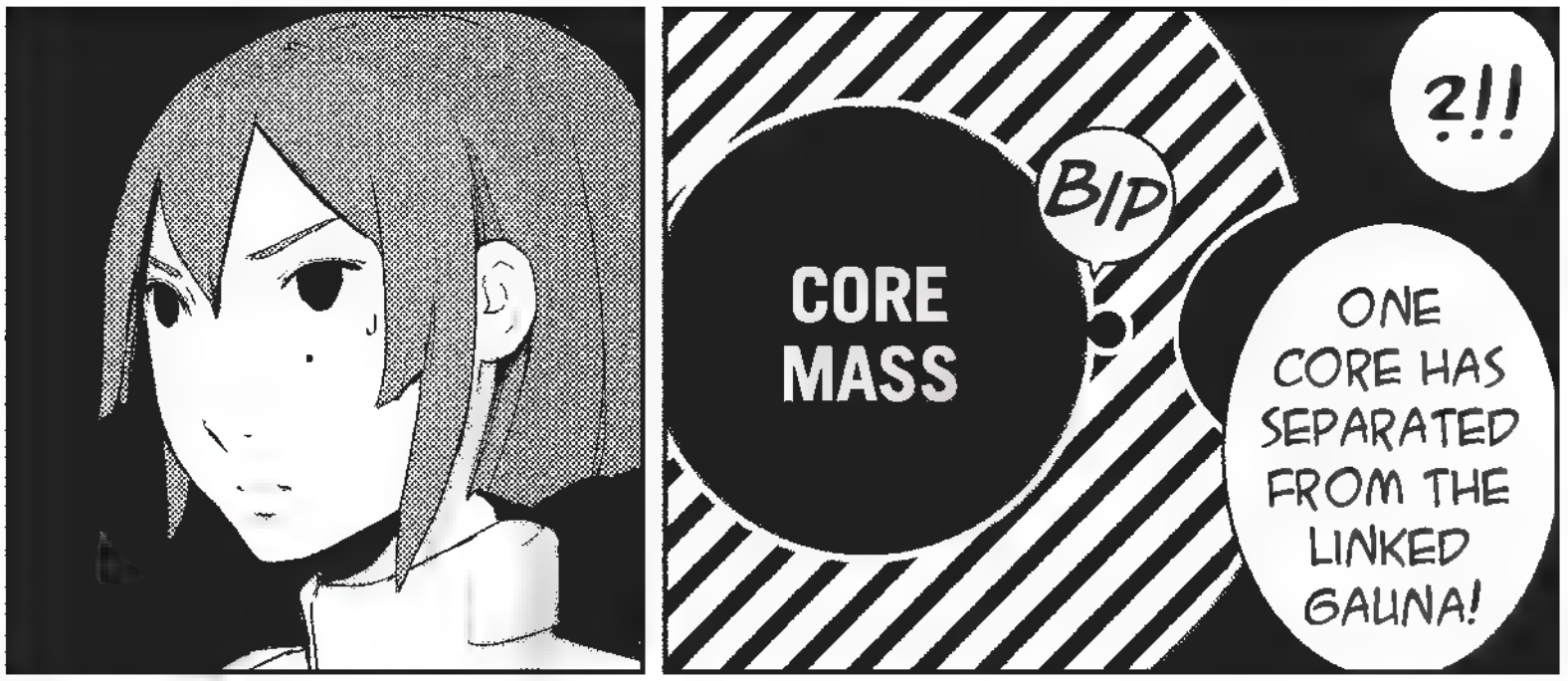

AMMO 000
CHK
019

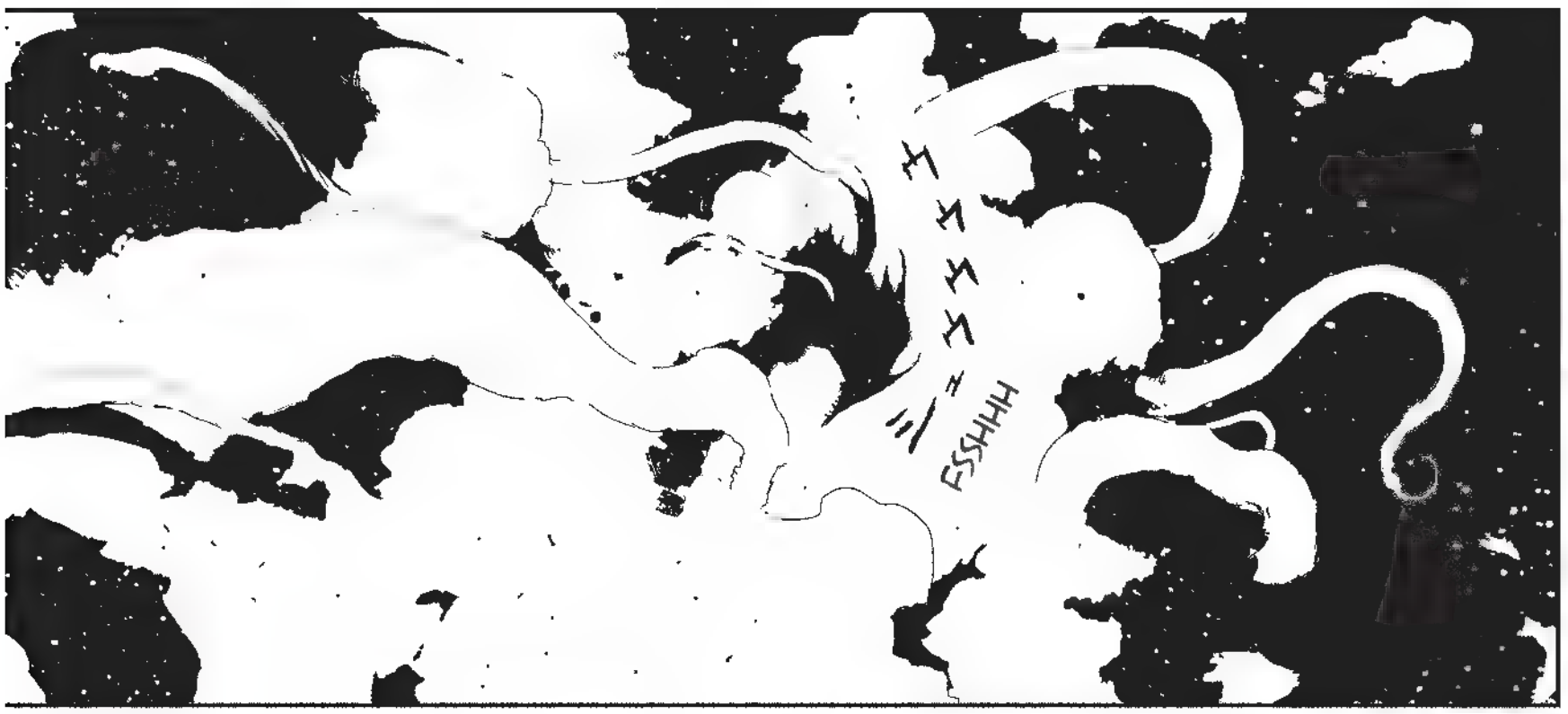

I'M OUT OF AMMO!
HIGGS LEVEL ZERO HERE, TOO!
9
VVNN

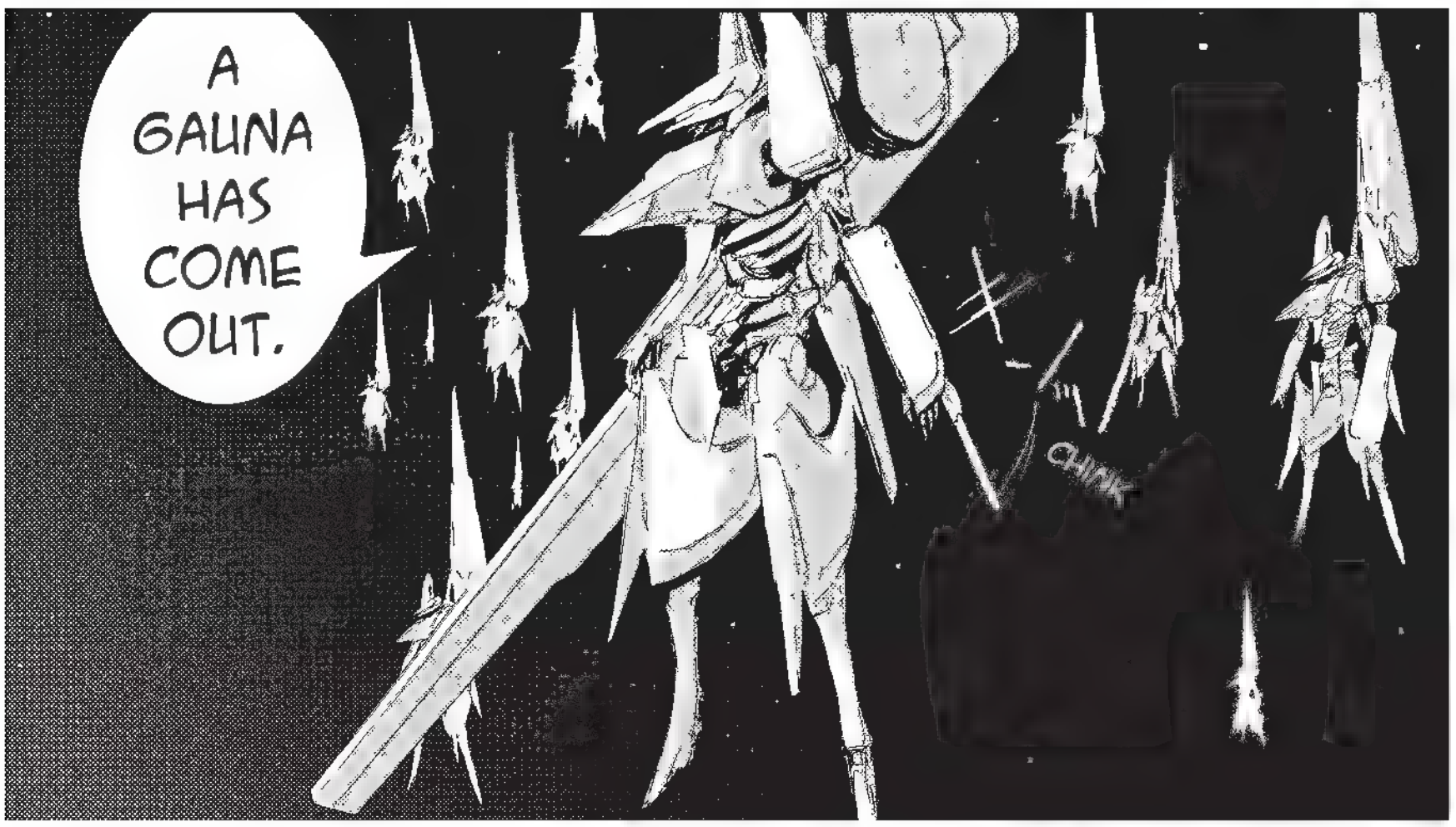

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WHZZ


CORE MASS
PLACENTA HAS NOT DETACHED! NO DAMAGE TO CORE !!

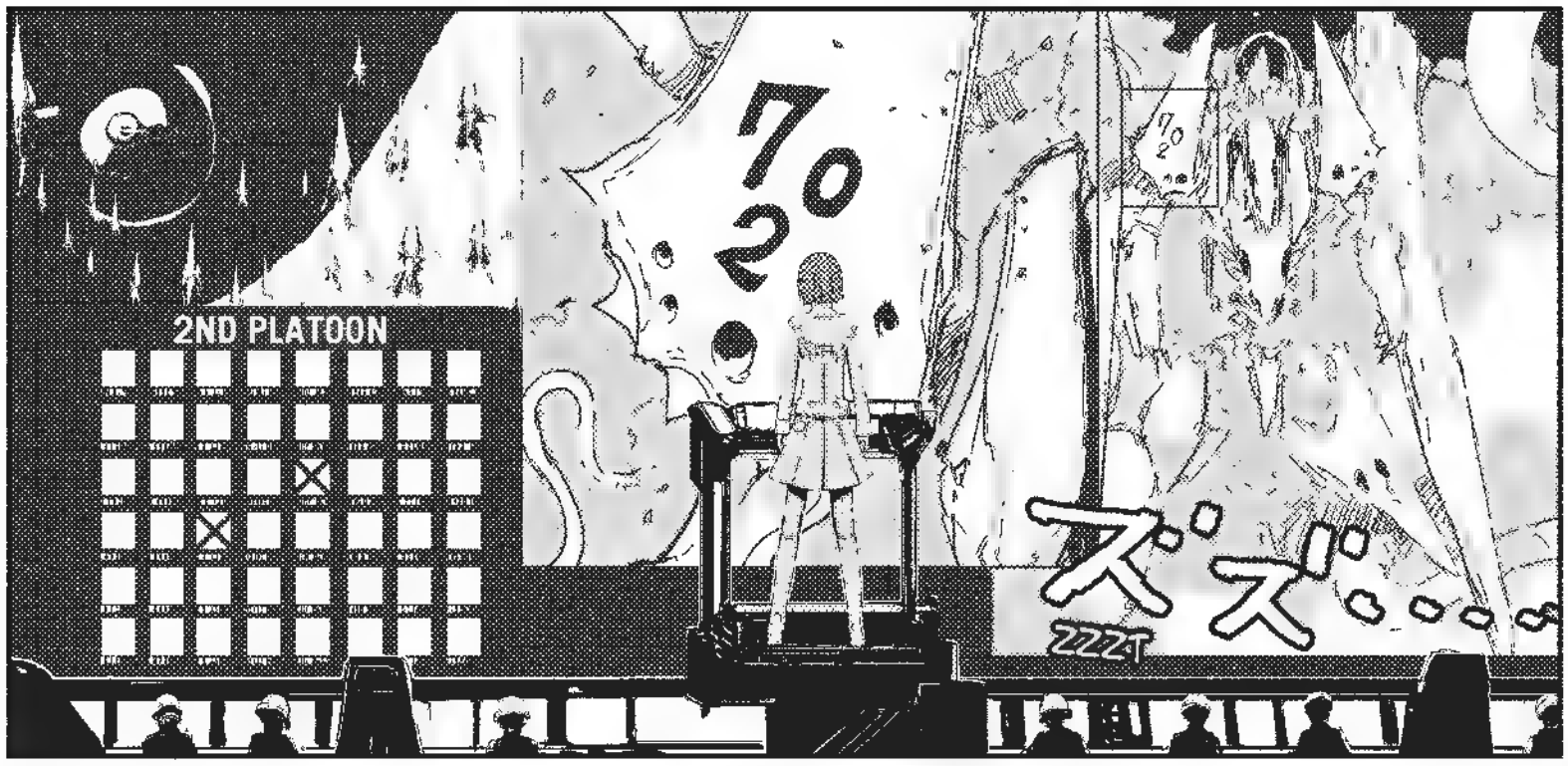

FWIP
FWIP

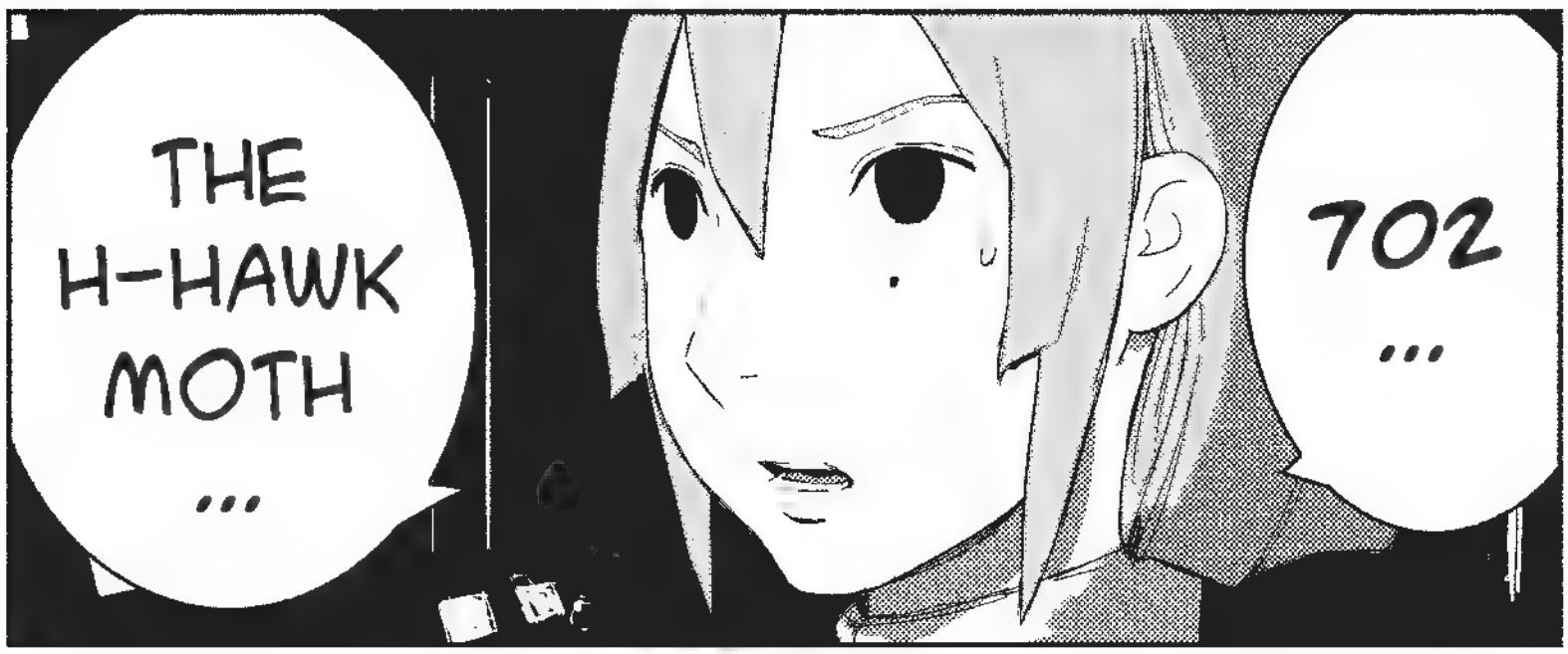

CORE MASS
BIP
?!!
ONE CORE HAS SEPARATED FROM THE LINKED GAUNA!


FSSHHH

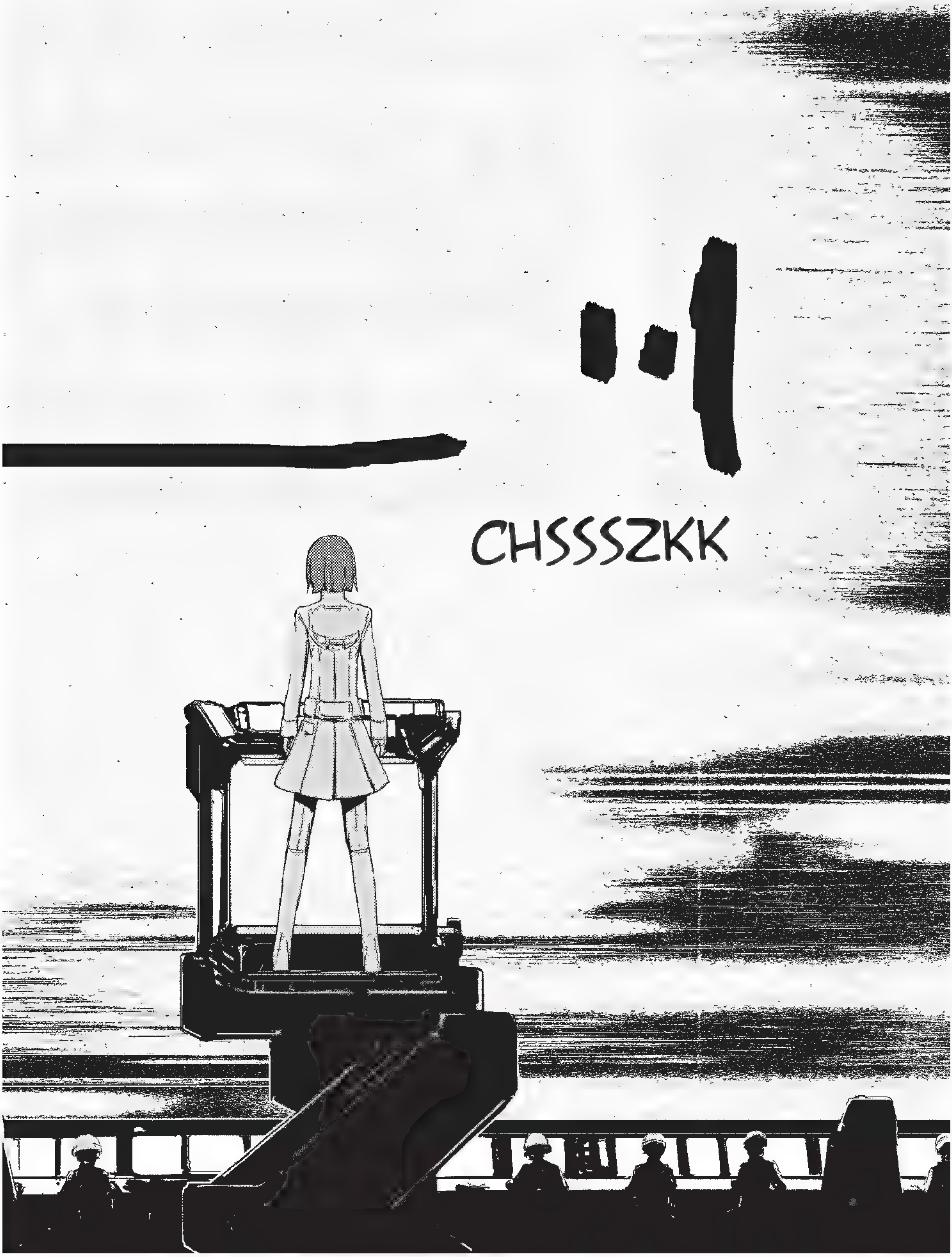

A GAUNA HAS COME OUT.
CHINK

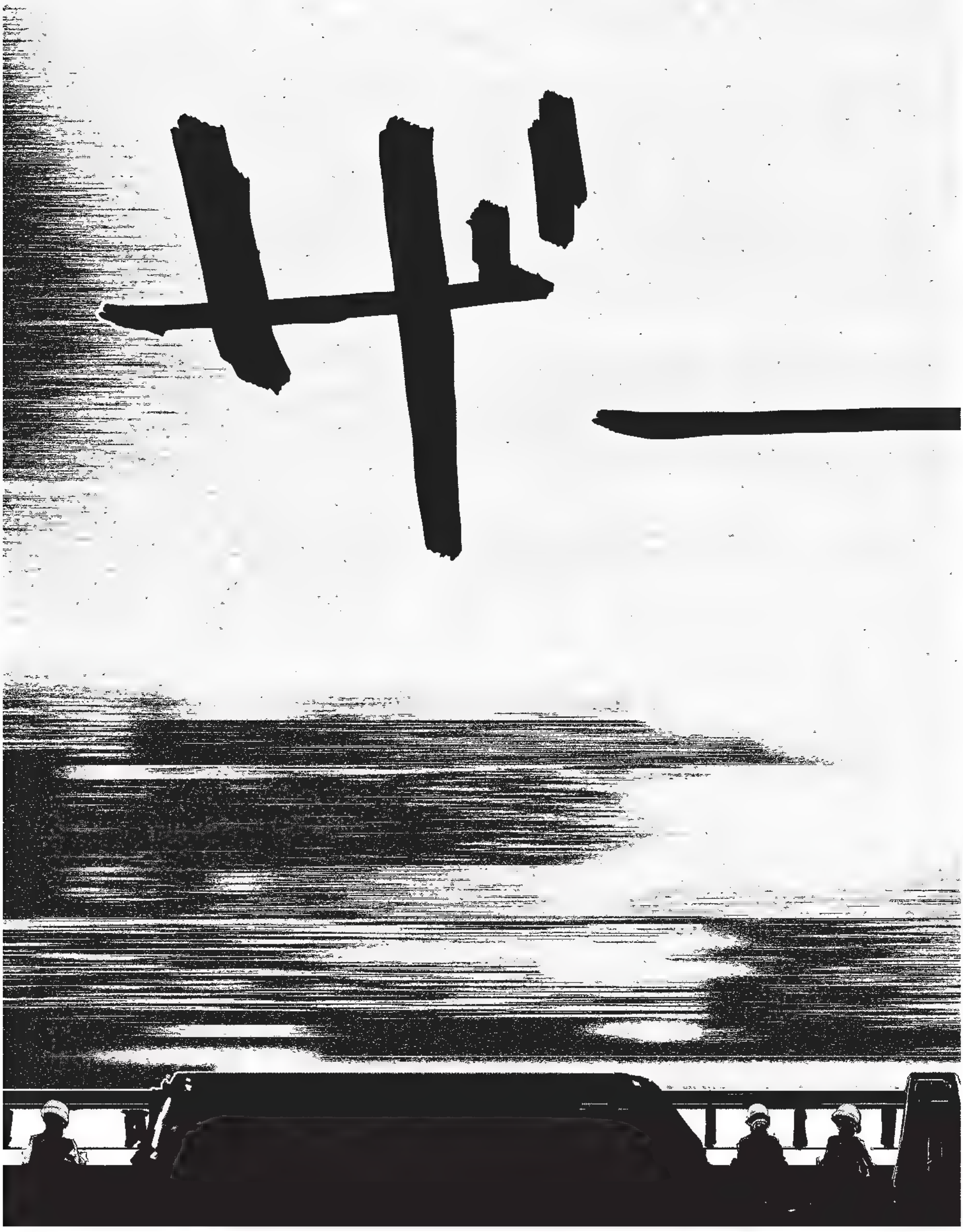

SSHHHH
VVT
VVT
VVT


2ND PLATOON
ZZZT


THE H-HAWK MOTH ...
702 ...

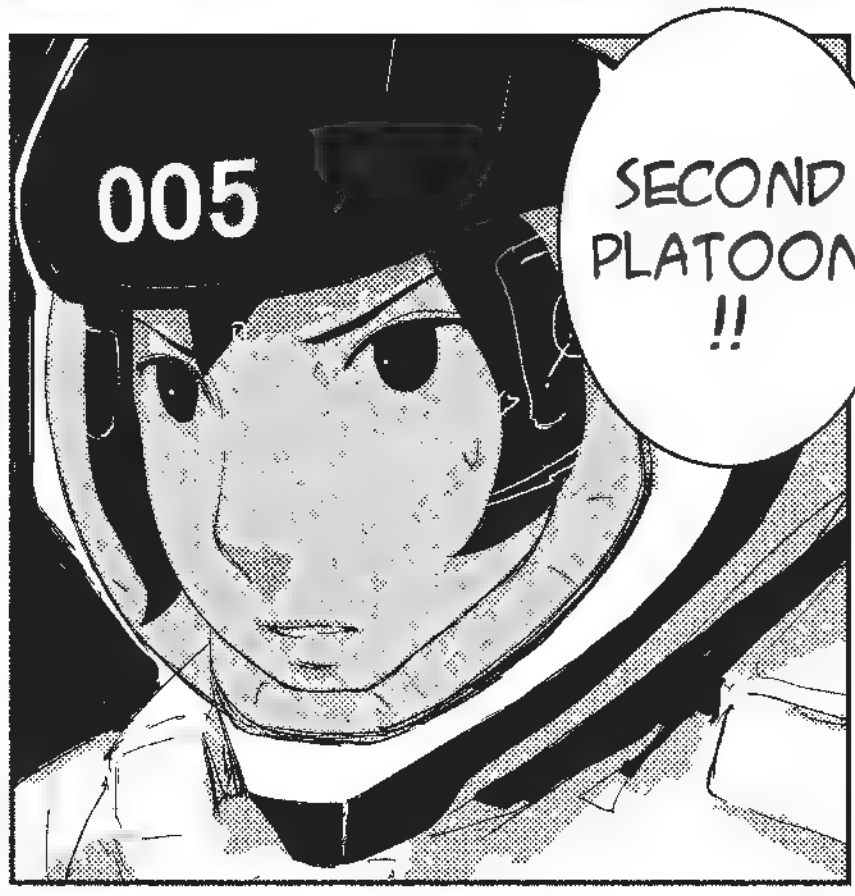


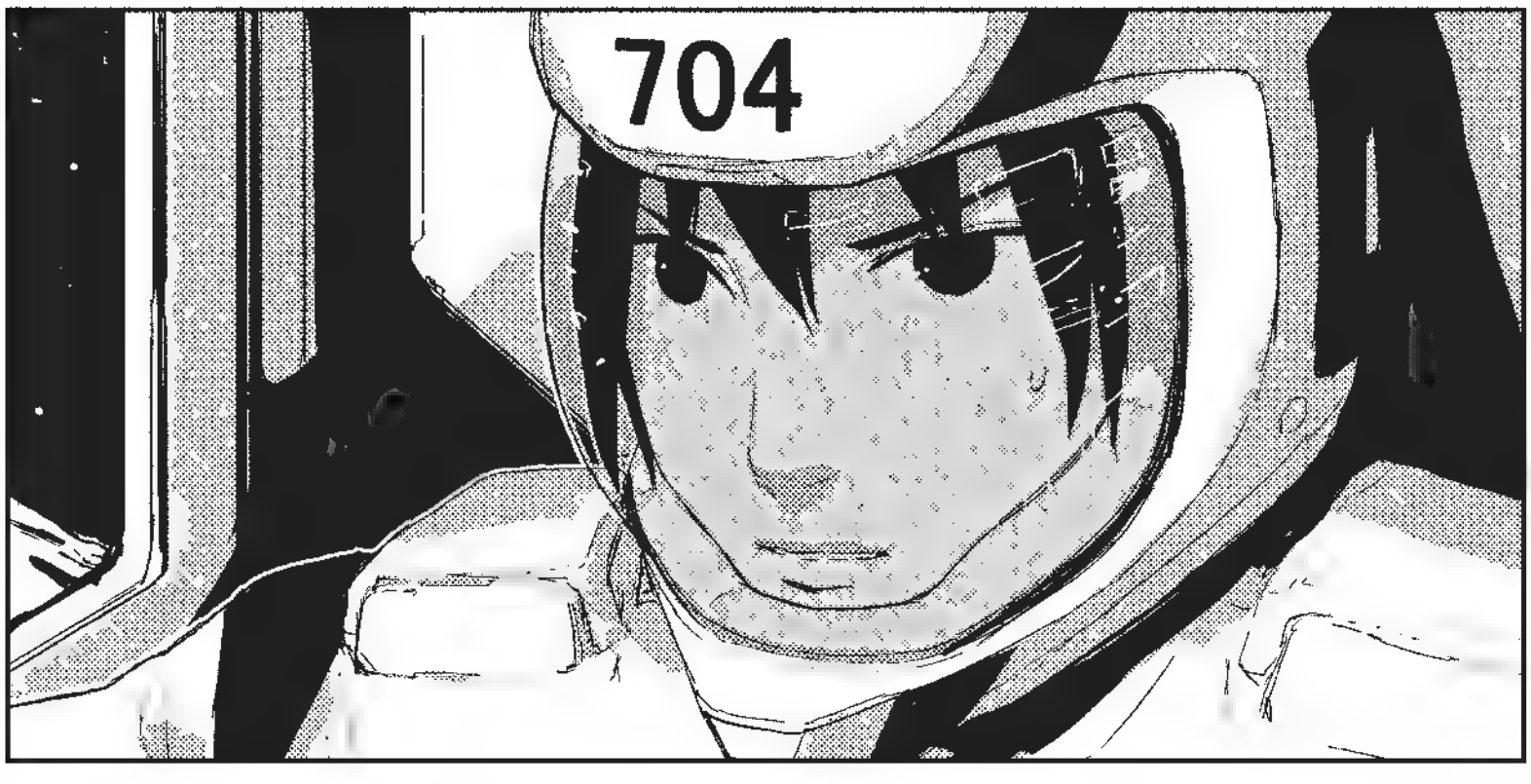

CHSSSZKK




SECOND PLATOON, RESPOND !!


02(
HAWK MOTH ...


005
SECOND PLATOON !!


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Chapter 23: END


女子光合成室
Ladies' Photosynthesis Room

Chapter 24: 723's Embrace



One Hundred Sights of Sidonia Part Nineteen:
Pilot Dormitories Old Emergency Staircase

ARRIVAL AT INTERCEPTION LIMIT LINE IN
02:59:
1ST PLATOON
ASTEROID GAUNA GROUP
INTERCEPTION LIMIT LINE
SIDONIA
SECOND PLATOON GOT WIPED OUT...
THEY'RE ALL OVER THERE TOO!!
I'M HIT!! I'M HIT!!
BOM
FIRST PLATOON REMAINS ENCIRCLED BY GAUNAS !
TREMBLE
TREMBLE


BUT AS LONG AS THERE'S ANY CHANCE TO DESTROY THE PROPULSION SOURCE, DON'T DISENGAGE THE GARDE FORCE.
WHETHER OR NOT THE ASTEROID'S PROPULSION SOURCE HAS BEEN DESTROYED, FIRE THE ANTI-PLANET MISSILE IN THIRTY MINUTES.


H-HOW DO I... IT'S MY FAULT.


KTNK

IT'S THE BEST MEASURE AVAILABLE. ALL IS LOST IF SIDONIA IS LOST.

BUT! THE GARDES WILL ALSO BE...

AND THE TARGET CAN STILL CHANGE COURSE. THE MISSILE'S HIT PERCENTAGE IS A MERE 5.01!

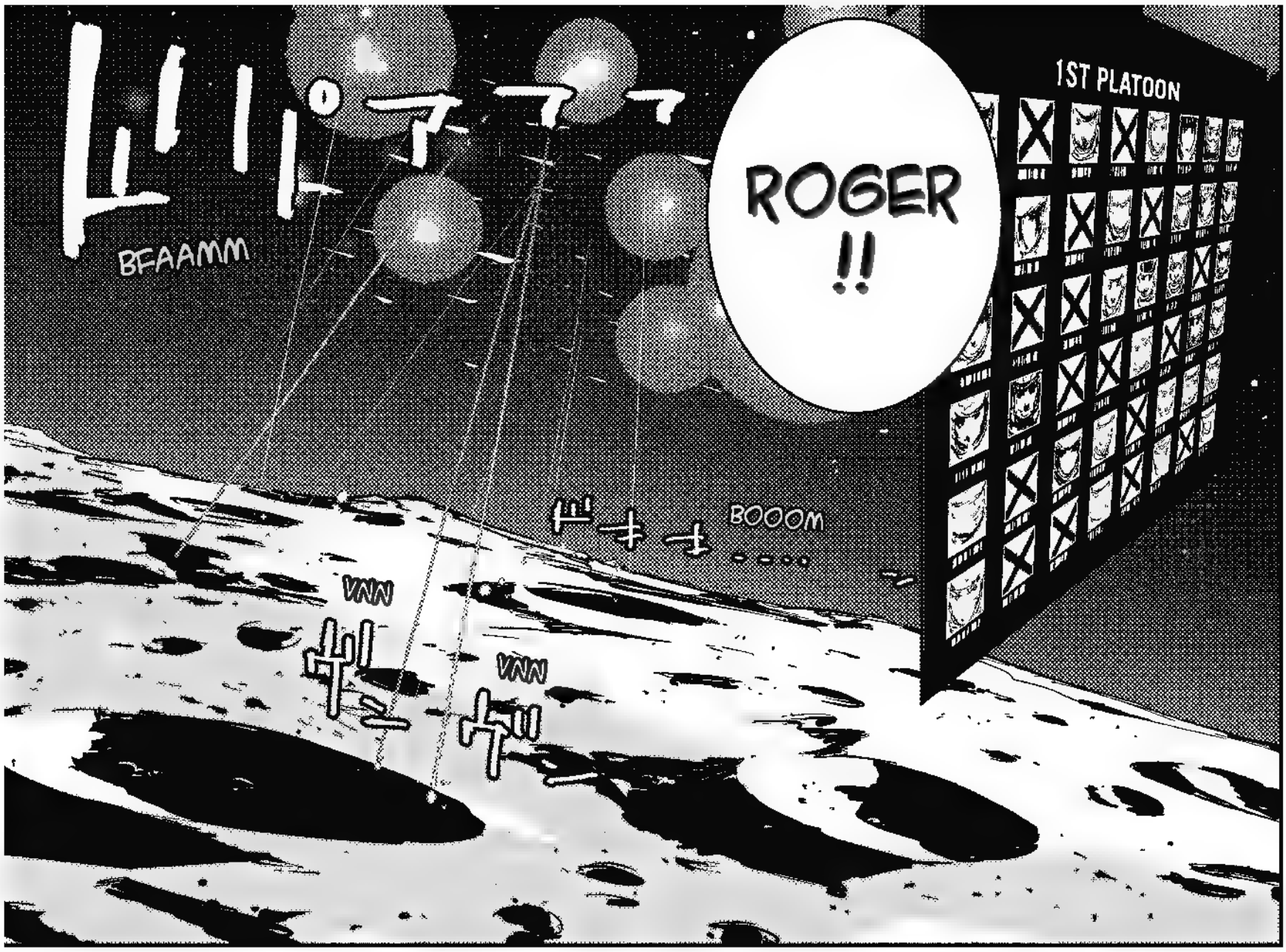
YOU ARE THE ONLY ONES LEFT!

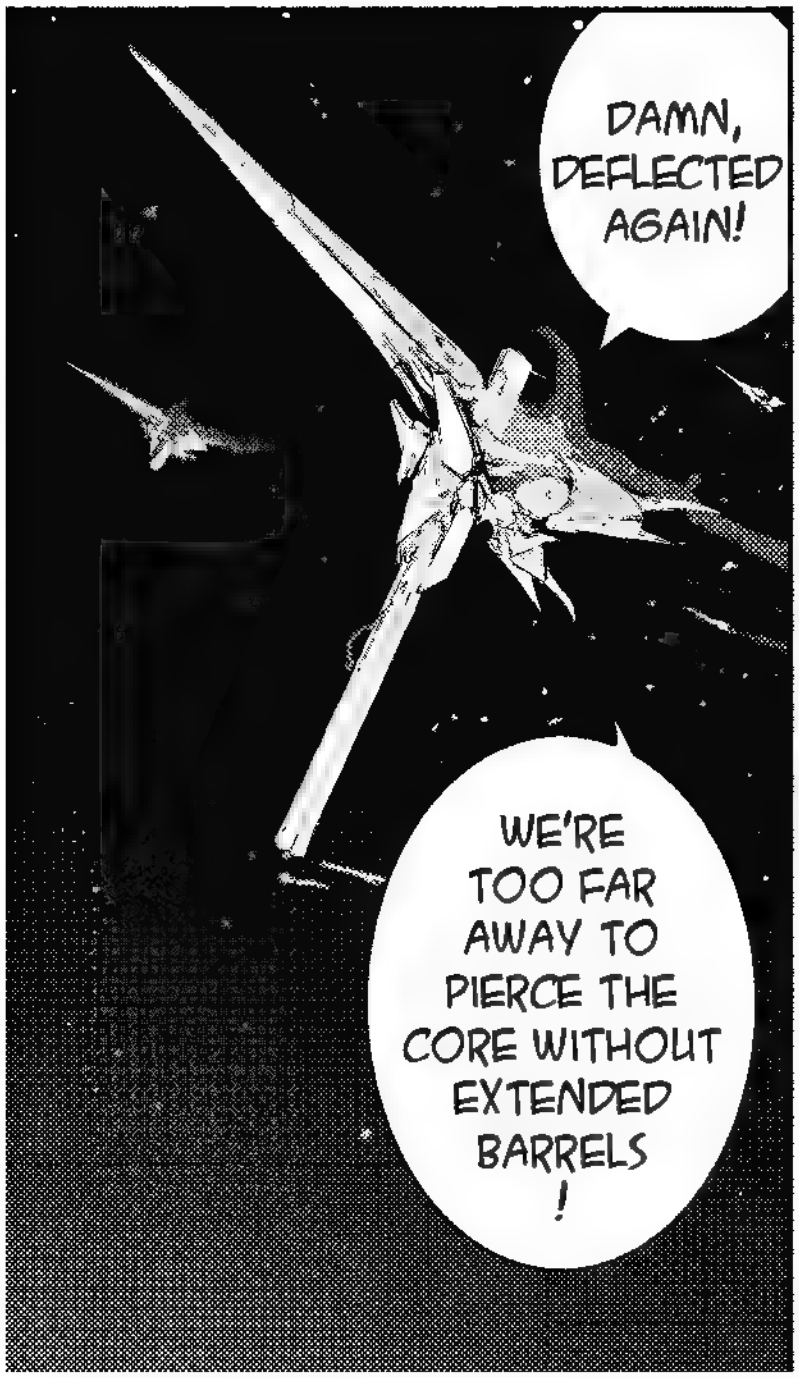
FIRST PLATOON!! WE HAVE LESS THAN THREE HOURS TO THE INTERCEPT LIMIT!

DESTROY THE PRO-PULSION SOURCE WITH ALL HASTE !!

THREE HOURS ...

...YES, MA'AM.


BFAAMM
ROGER !!
1ST PLATOON
BOOOM
VNN
VNN


DAMN, DEFLECTED AGAIN!
WE'RE TOO FAR AWAY TO PIERCE THE CORE WITHOUT EXTENDED BARRELS !


KWEEM

026

FLYING WILL BE DIFFICULT, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO BUZZ THE SURFACE.

OOMM

007

THE GAUNAS CAN SHOOT ALL THEY WANT FROM BEHIND COVER!

IF WE STAY IN ORBIT LIKE THIS, WE'LL BE WIPED OUT!!

VWHOO

PAMM

GTHOOM

ARE YOU LISTENING, SAMARI ?!

ZZM

26

...

005

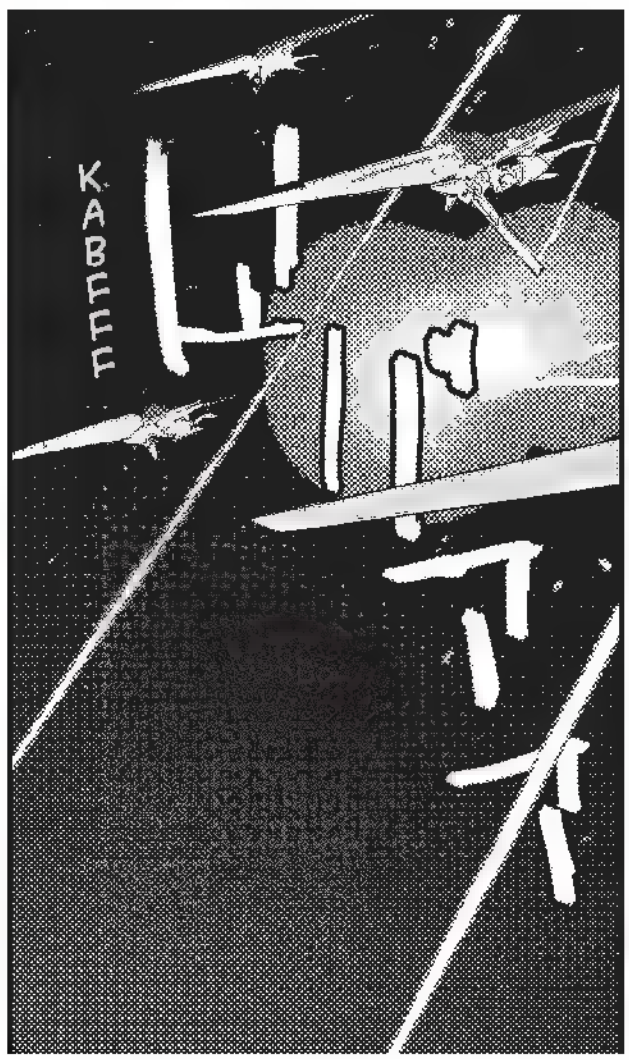
KWEEE

Y-YEAH. YOU'RE RIGHT ...

GWEEEH


BOOM
026
WE'RE BREAKING THROUGH THE NET! AFTER ME!!


VWHOOOO


KABEEE


VNN
VNN

BGWHRRR

AAAAAAAAAHHH!!

026

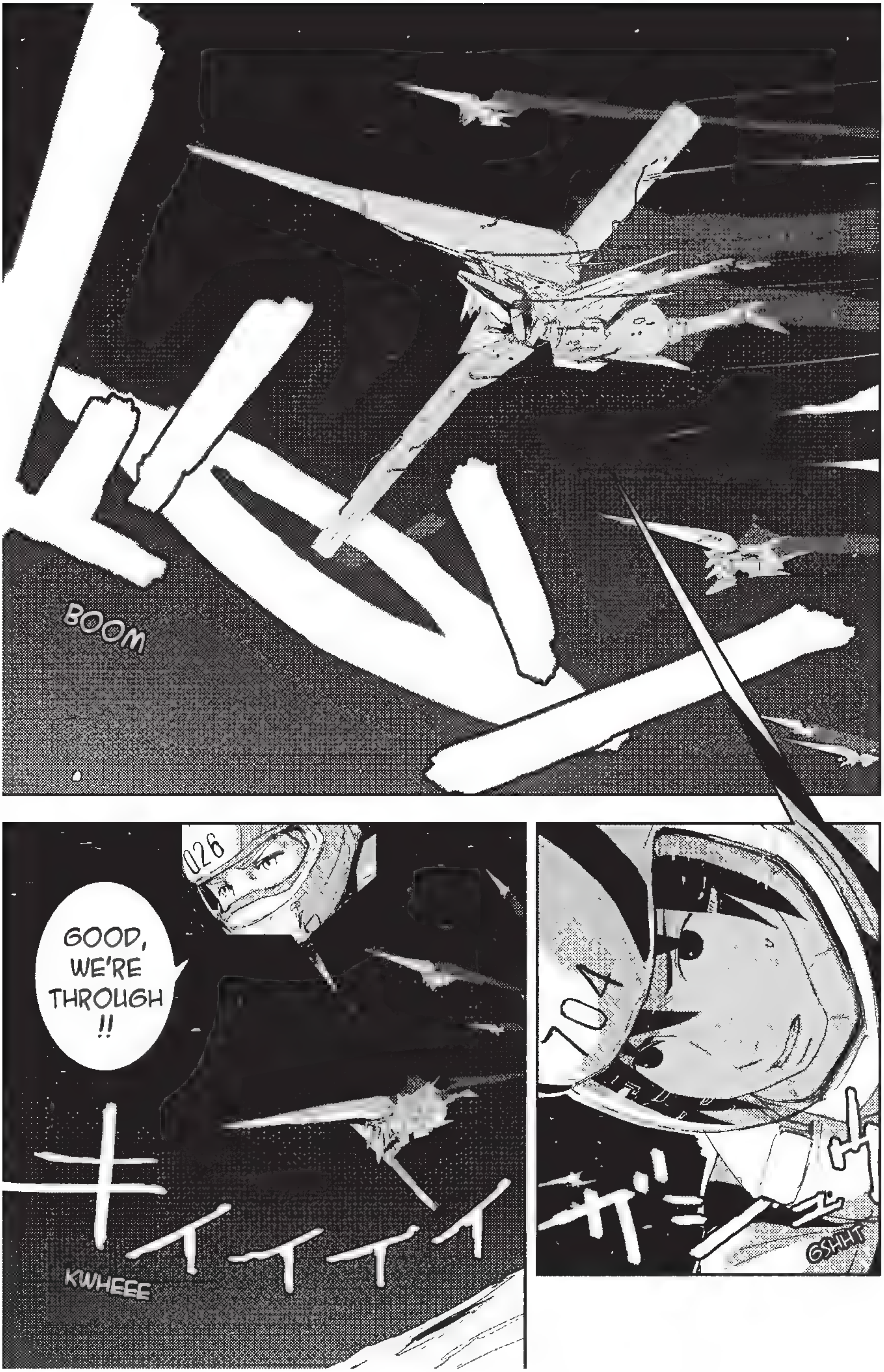
DON'T FALTER !!

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM


BOOM
026
GOOD, WE'RE THROUGH !!
キイイイイ
KWHEEE
704
GSHHT

BFAAMM

BOOOM

GWHOOOO

VNN

AT THIS ALTITUDE, WE'LL ONLY GET HIT ONCE IN A—

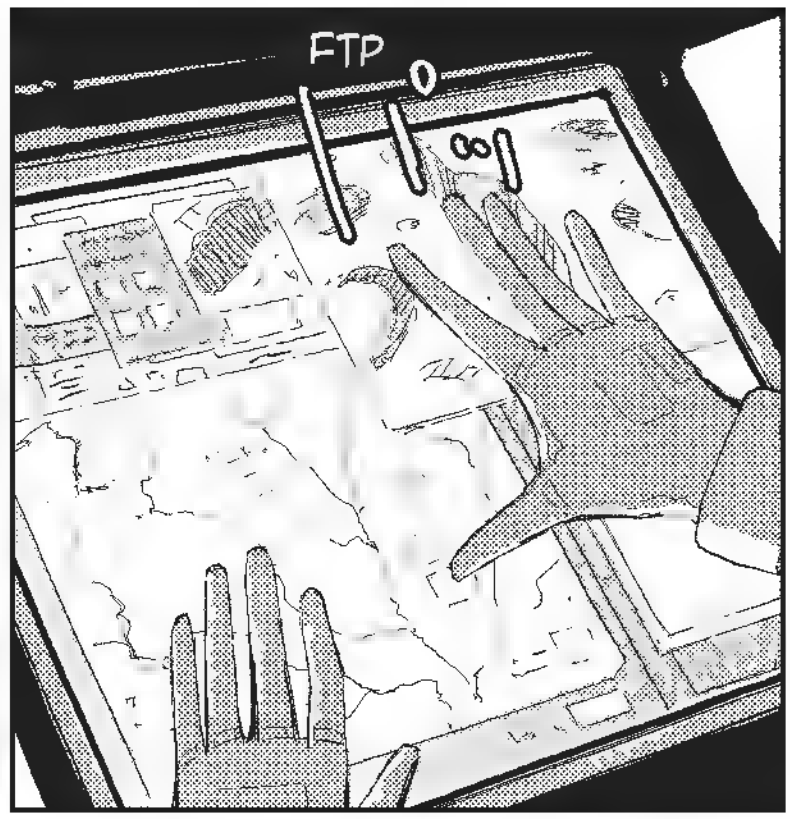
PHEW ...

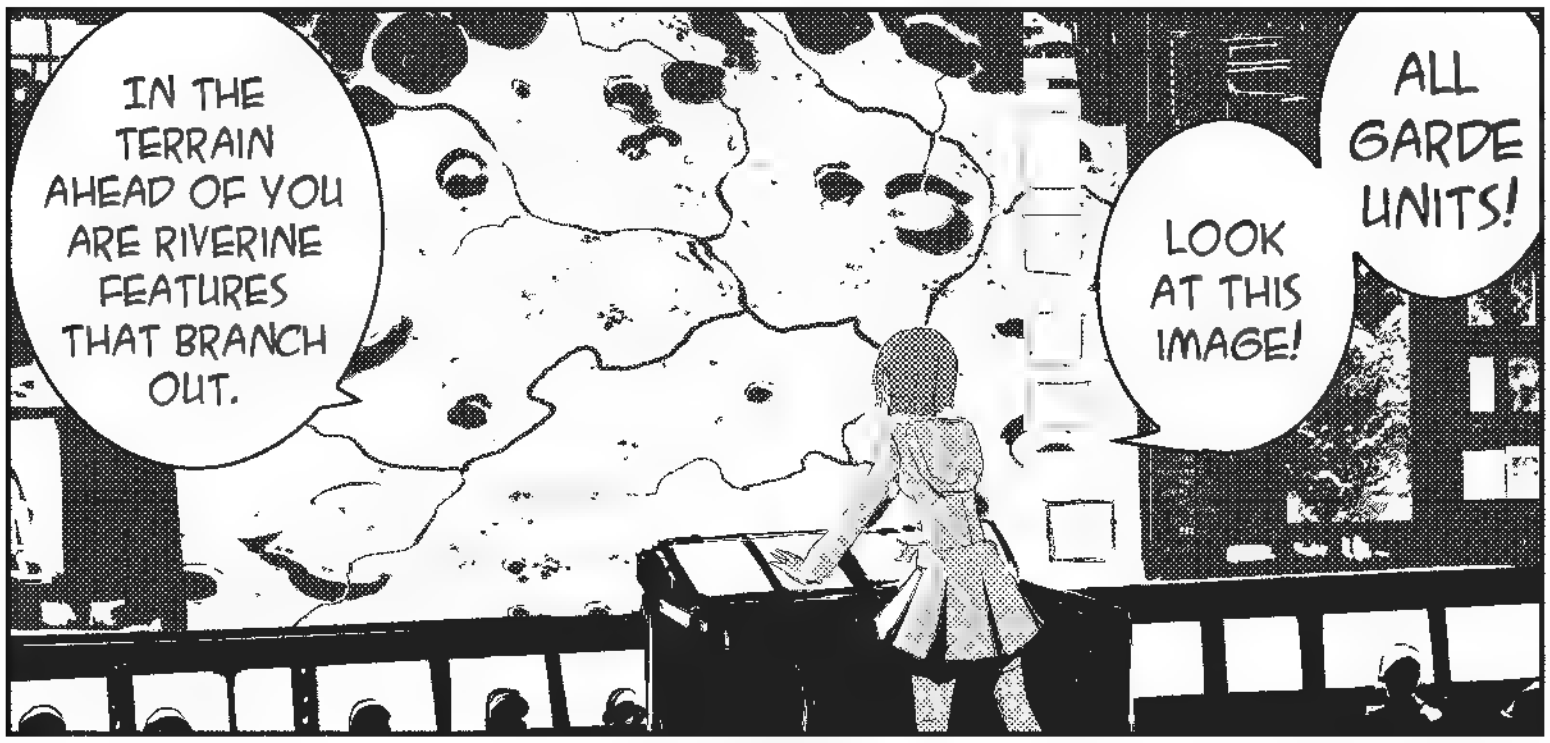
THIS DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE NO LONGER UNDER ATTACK !!

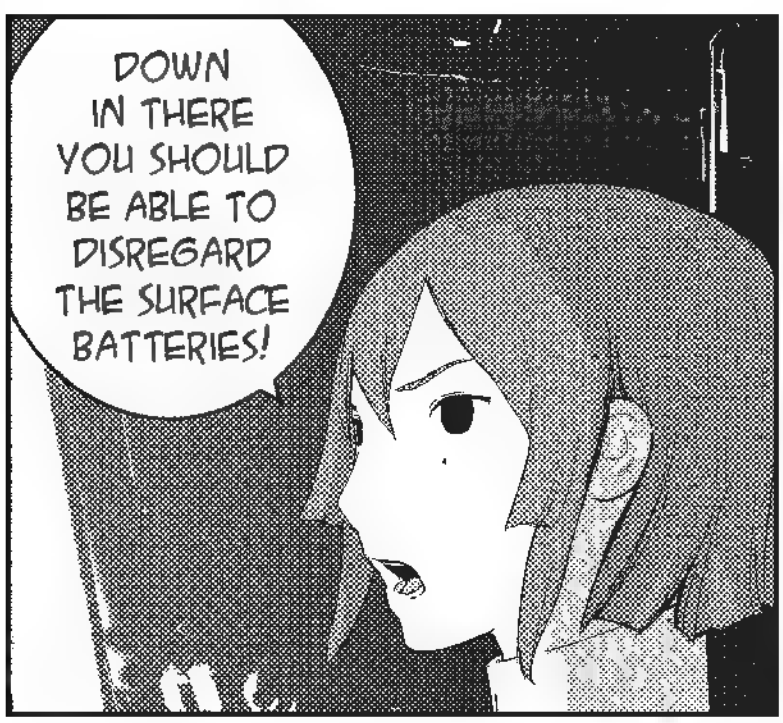
STAY SHARP !!

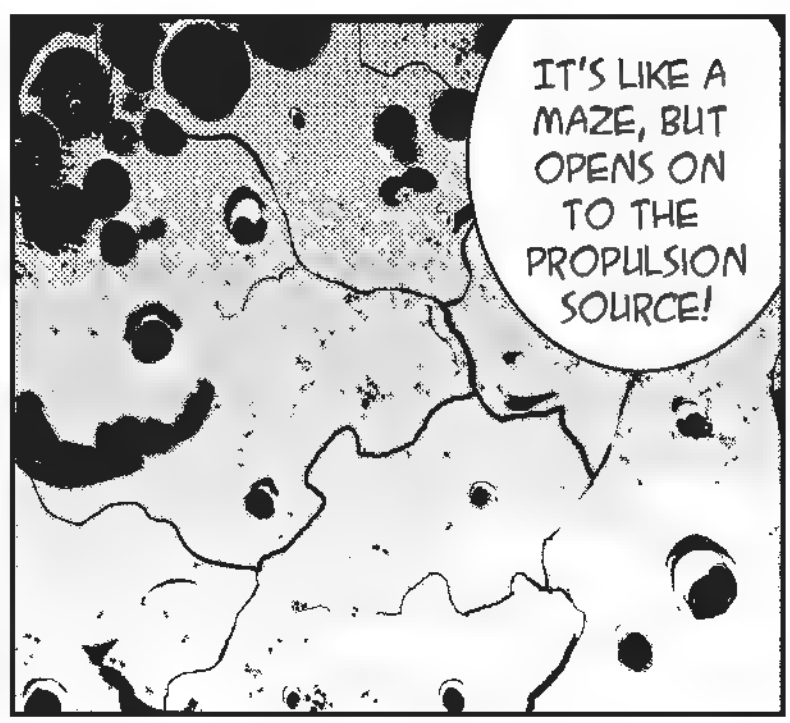
THABOOM


MAYBE THIS CAN ...
PPNT


FTP


IN THE TERRAIN AHEAD OF YOU ARE RIVERINE FEATURES THAT BRANCH OUT.
LOOK AT THIS IMAGE!
ALL GARDE UNITS!


DOWN IN THERE YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DISREGARD THE SURFACE BATTERIES!


IT'S LIKE A MAZE, BUT OPENS ON TO THE PROPULSION SOURCE!

POWER SOURCE
LINKED GAUNA

THERE ARE THREE ROUTES!

TANIKAZE SQD
ROUTE C

SEII SQD
ROUTE B

SAMARI SQD
ROUTE A

SAMARI SQUAD

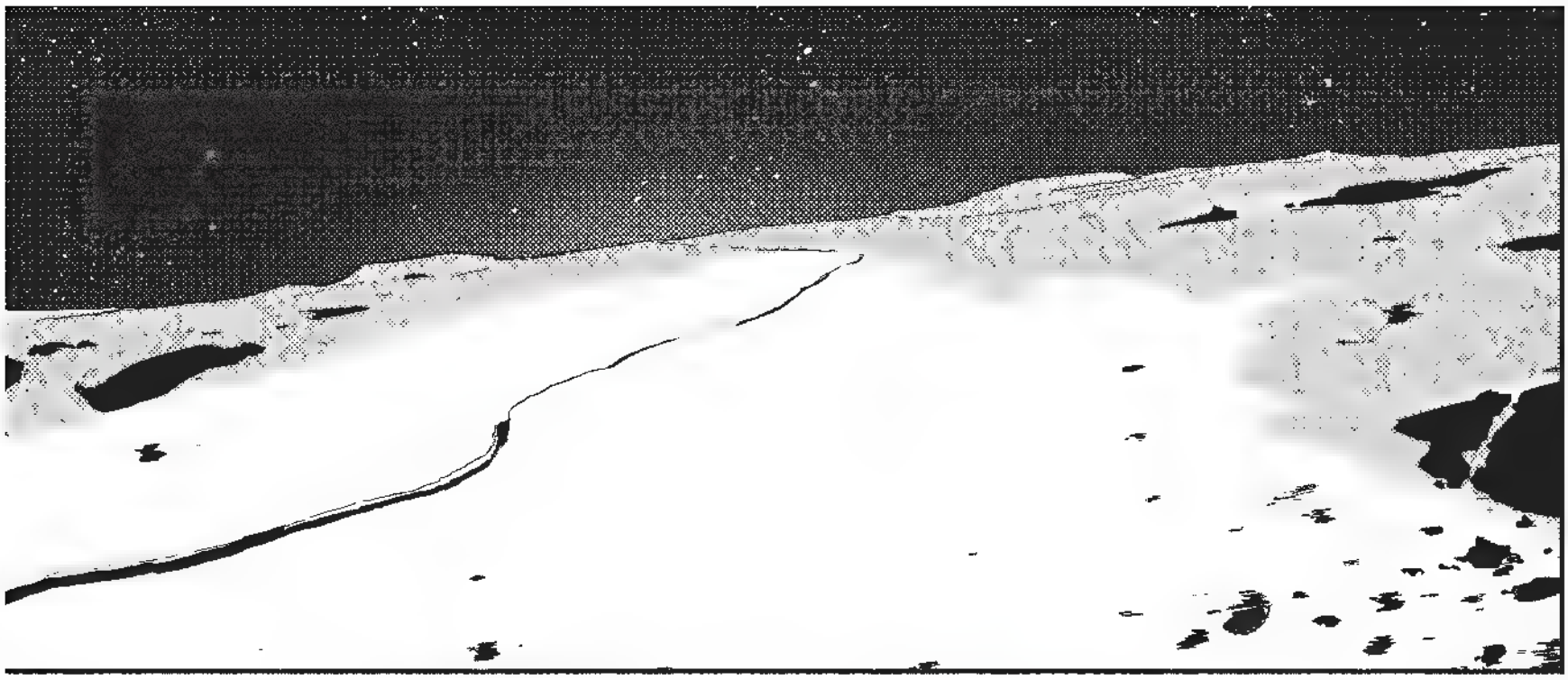
SEII SQUAD

TANIKAZE SQUAD

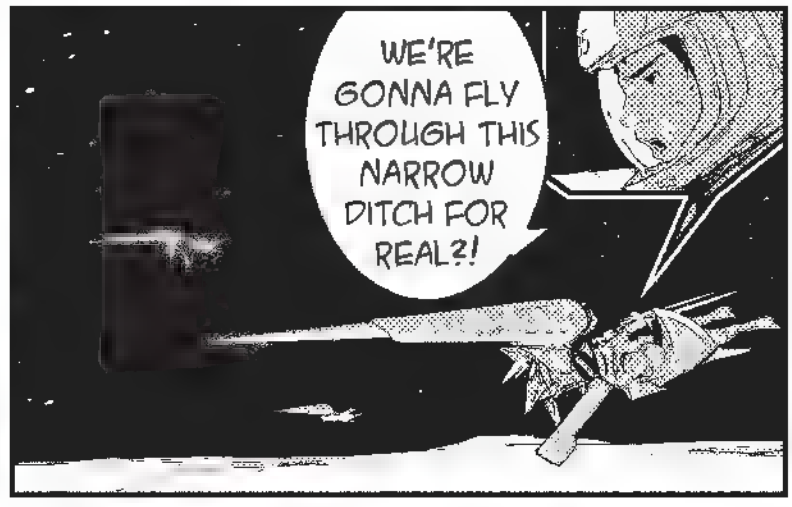
I'VE RE-ORGANIZED SQUADS WITH SAMARI, SEII, AND TANIKAZE AS SQUAD LEADERS.

ALL SQUADS HEAD FOR THE PROPULSION SOURCE!!

ROGER !!




4
TANIKAZE SQUAD ENTERING ROUTE C!


WE'RE GONNA FLY THROUGH THIS NARROW DITCH FOR REAL?!


704
GWHOOO

SSST

704

EVERYONE, JUST FOCUS ON FLYING!

KWEEE

723

THE GAUNAS ARE COMING AFTER US!

GWHSH

DOOM

GWAIIH

GRK

EEK !

ゴオオオ

VUHOOO

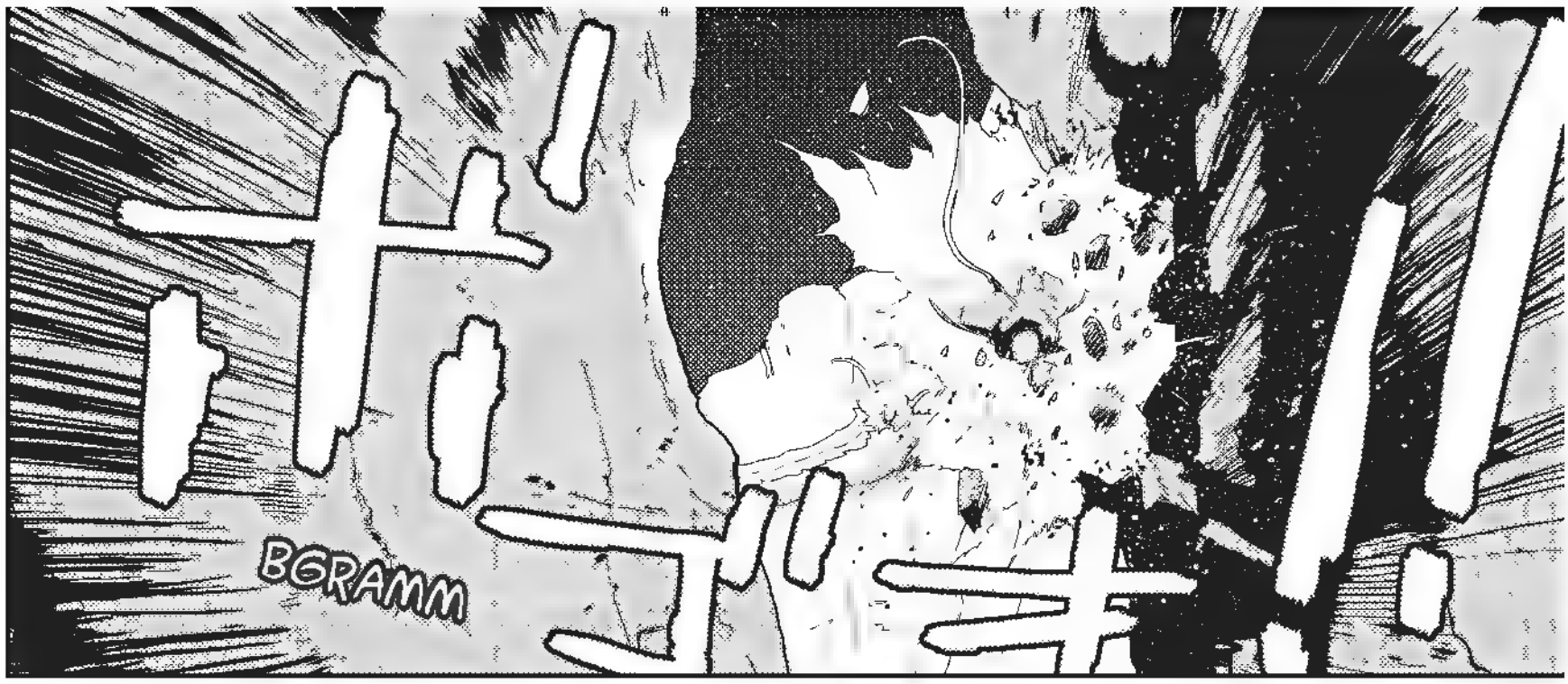
WIOAAA!!

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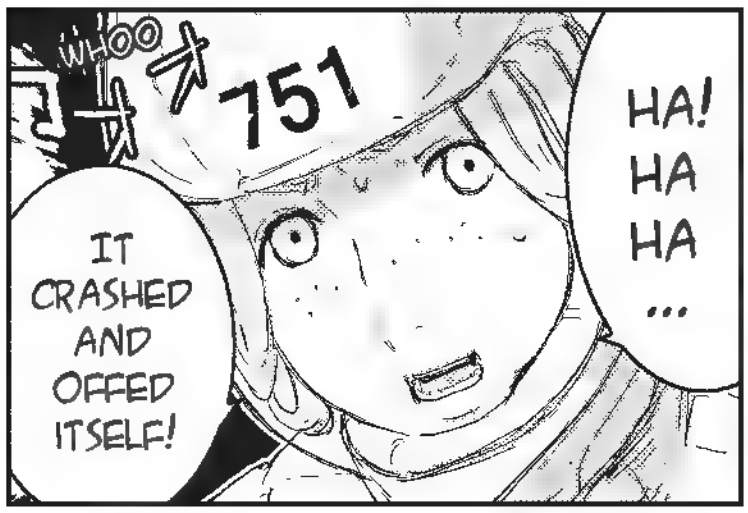
GWHRRR

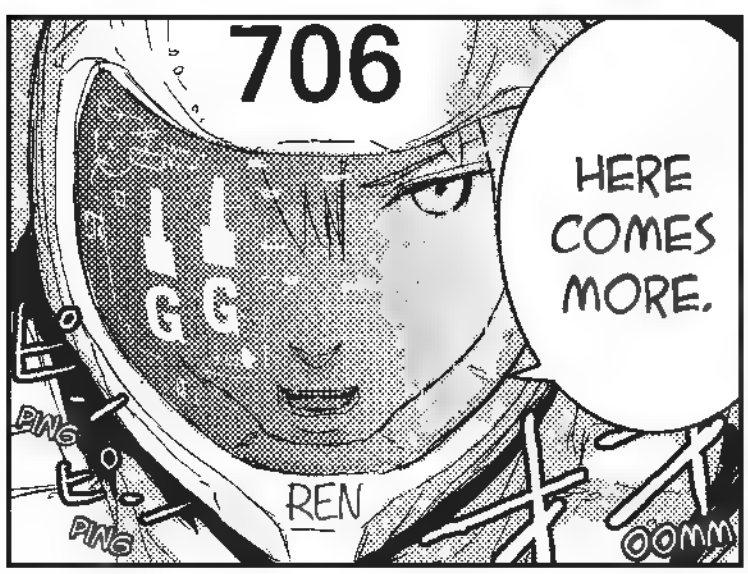
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BROOM


BGRAMM


BFFMM


WHOO
751
HA! HA HA ...
IT CRASHED AND OFFED ITSELF!


706
HERE COMES MORE.
PING
PING
REN
OOMM


DWOOM

BWAAAM

SEII SQUAD UNIT DOWN !

ARGH !

TANIKAZE SQD

G

G

THIS IS SEII SQUAD! WE ARE BEING PURSUED BY FRIGHTFULLY FAST GAUNA !!

ALTER ROUTE! GO LEFT !

GIVE US A SNAKING PATH!

THESE ARE FAST! THEY'RE GAINING ON US!!

SEII SQUAD, ONE MORE UNIT DOWN !!

TANIKAZE SQD

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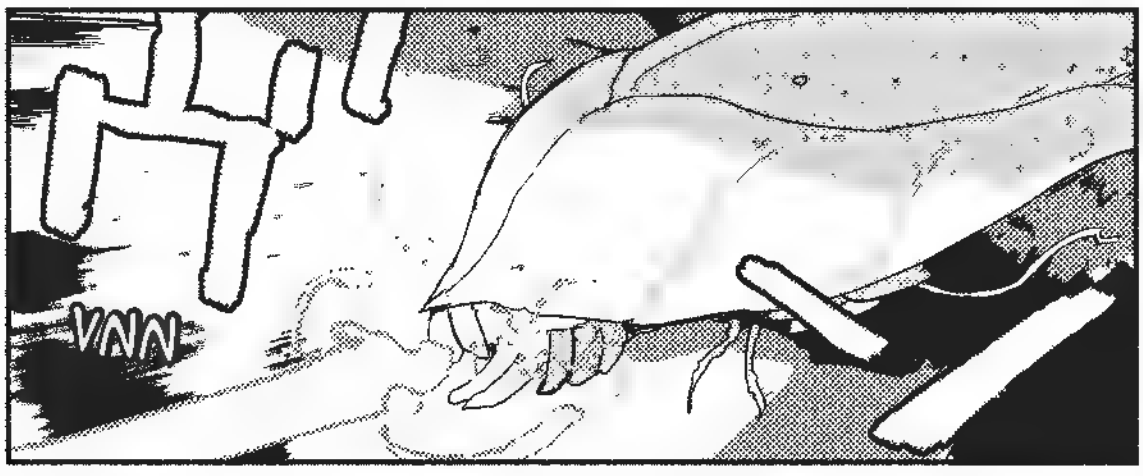
G

GWOO

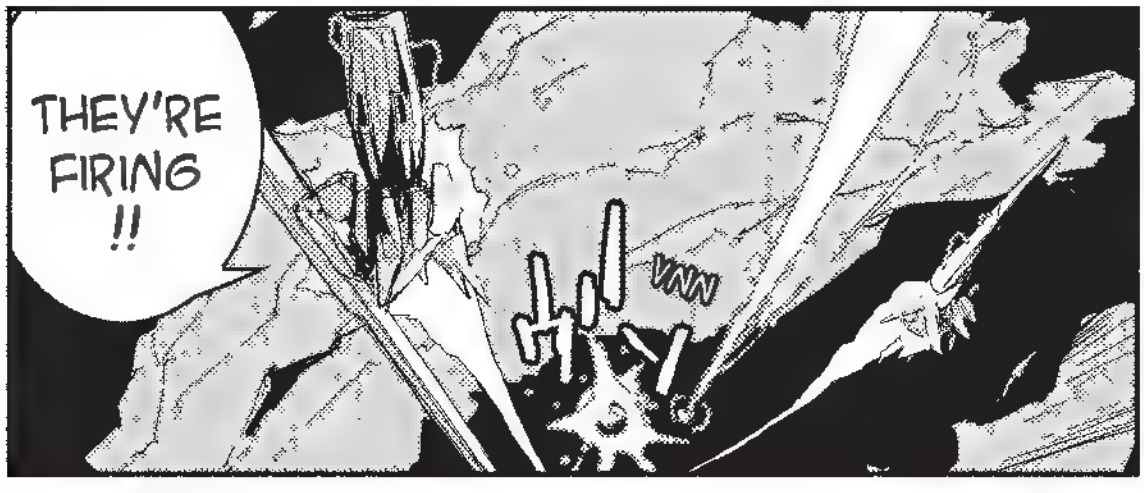
THEY'VE CAUGHT UP!!

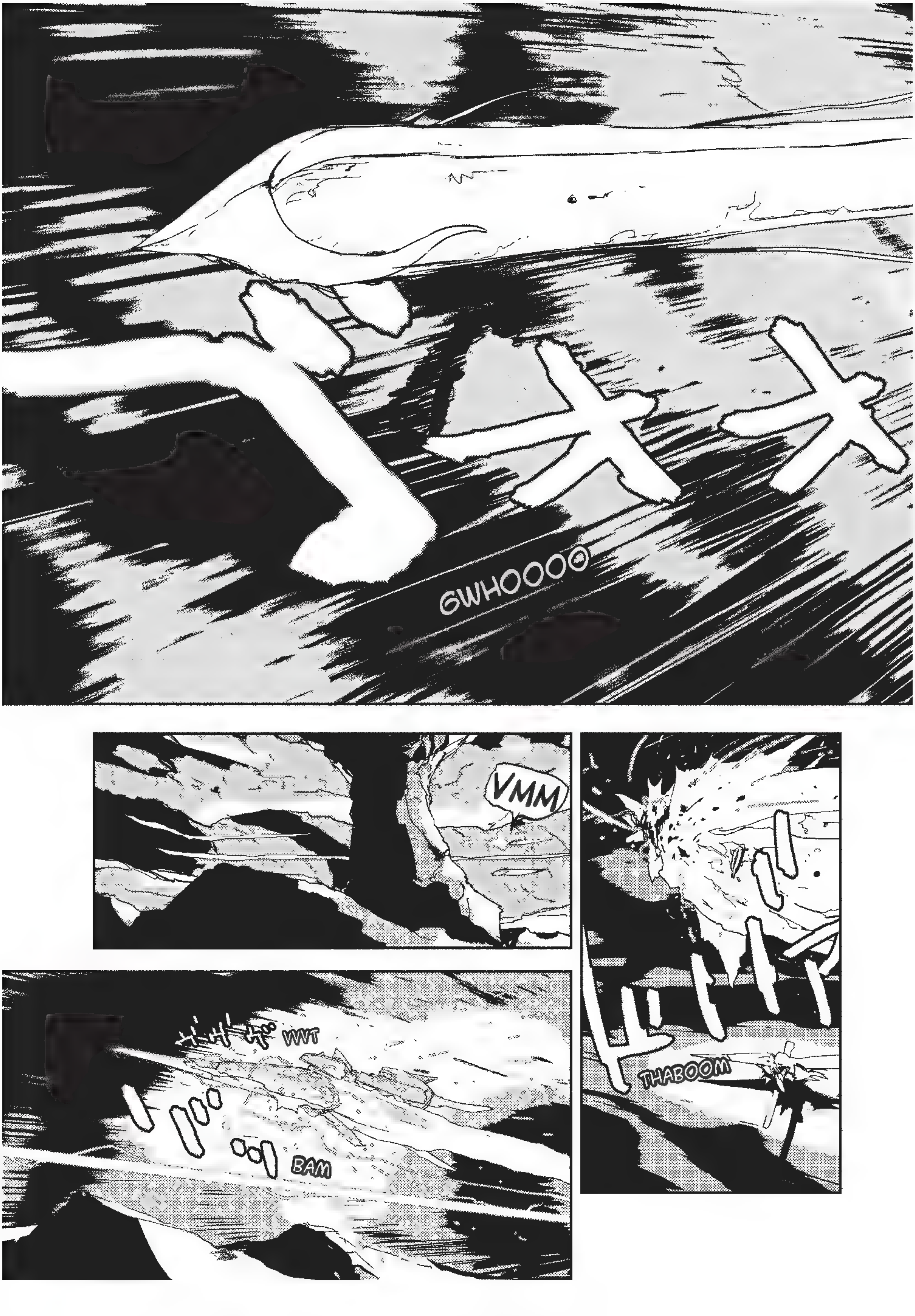
VWHOOOO




VNN


THAT SHAPE ...


THEY'RE FIRING !!
VNN


GWHOOOO
VMM
VVVT
BAM
THABOOM

BFT

709

DSHHK

709

I'M EJECT-ING!!

66T

THOSE GARDE-FORM GAUNAS LOOK JUST LIKE THE GRAVITY-FLIGHT PROTOTYPE.

RIGHT, I REMEMBER NOW.

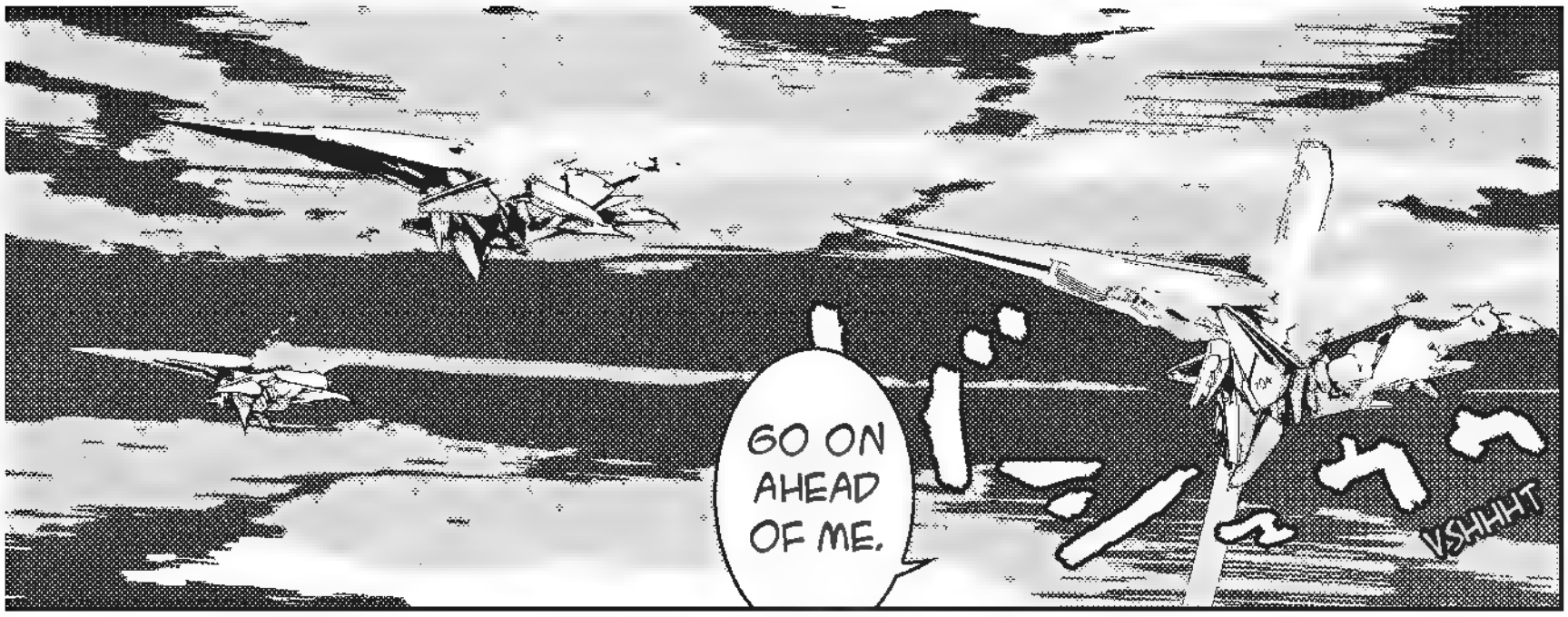
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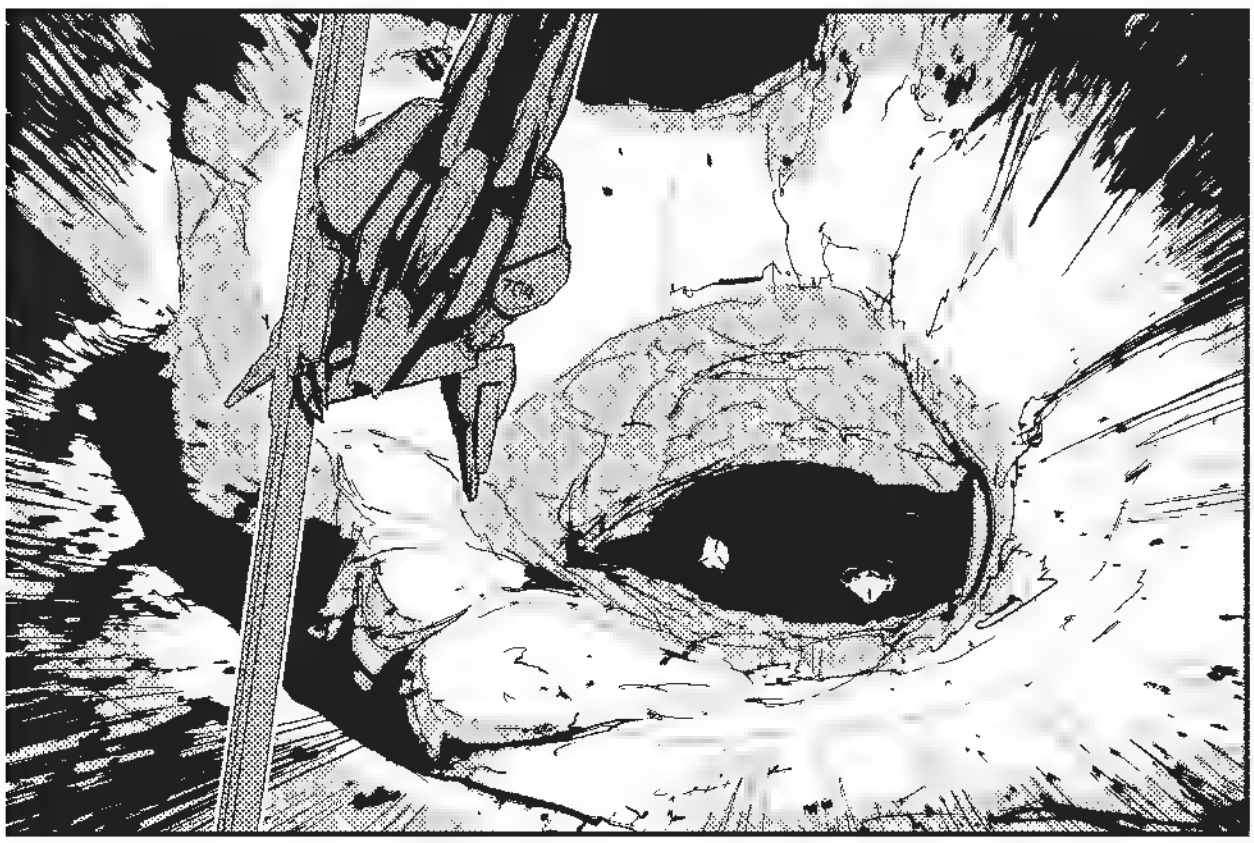
AND NOW REPLICATING HUMAN WEAPONRY THAT HASN'T EVEN BEEN PUT INTO USE...

USING TACTICS A HUMAN MIGHT COME UP WITH...

WEREN'T THEY LESS THAN HALF THE WEIGHT OF A SERIES 18 GARDE?

DO WE HUMANS STAND ANY CHANCE ...?


GO ON AHEAD OF ME.
VSHHHT




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TANIKAZE
G
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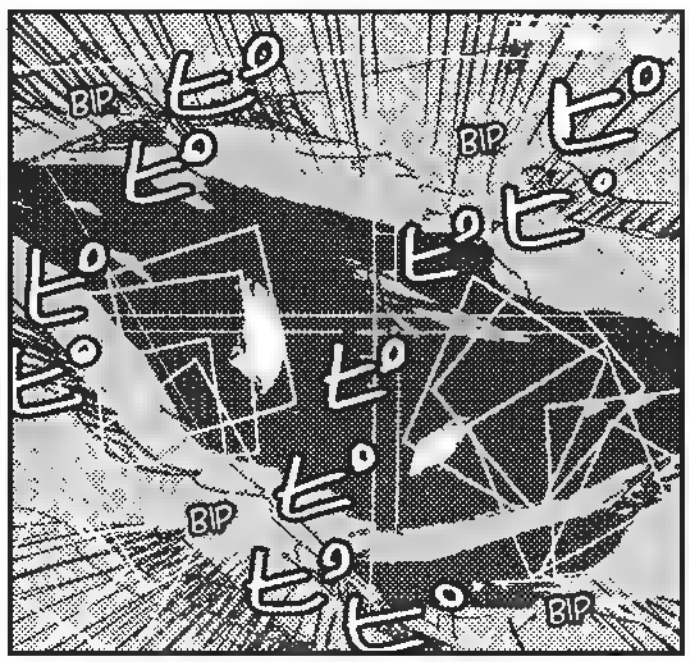



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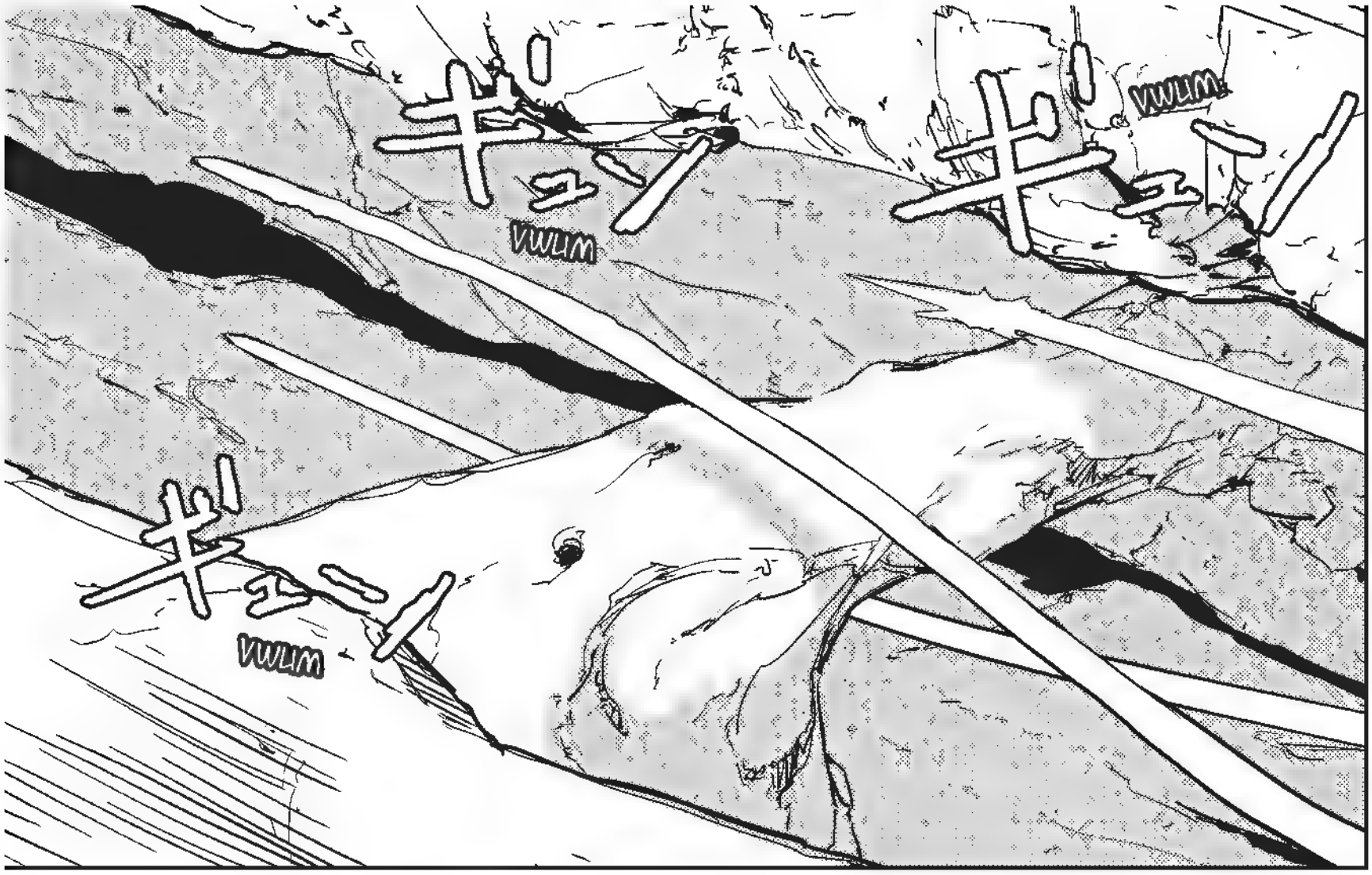

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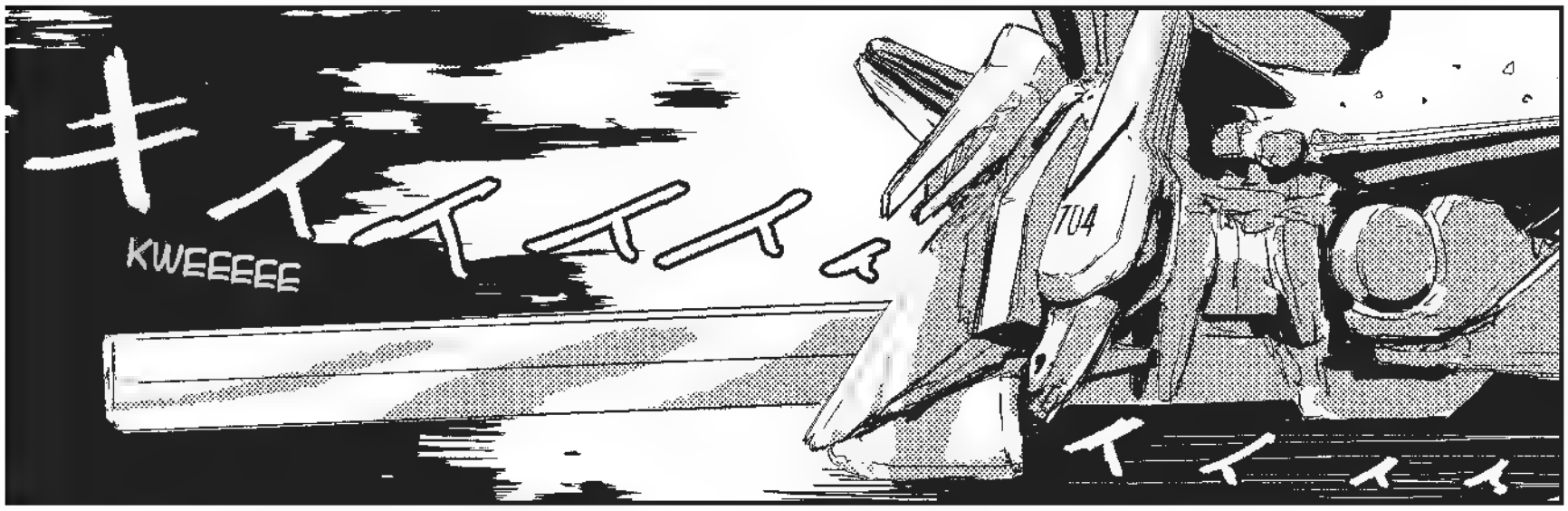


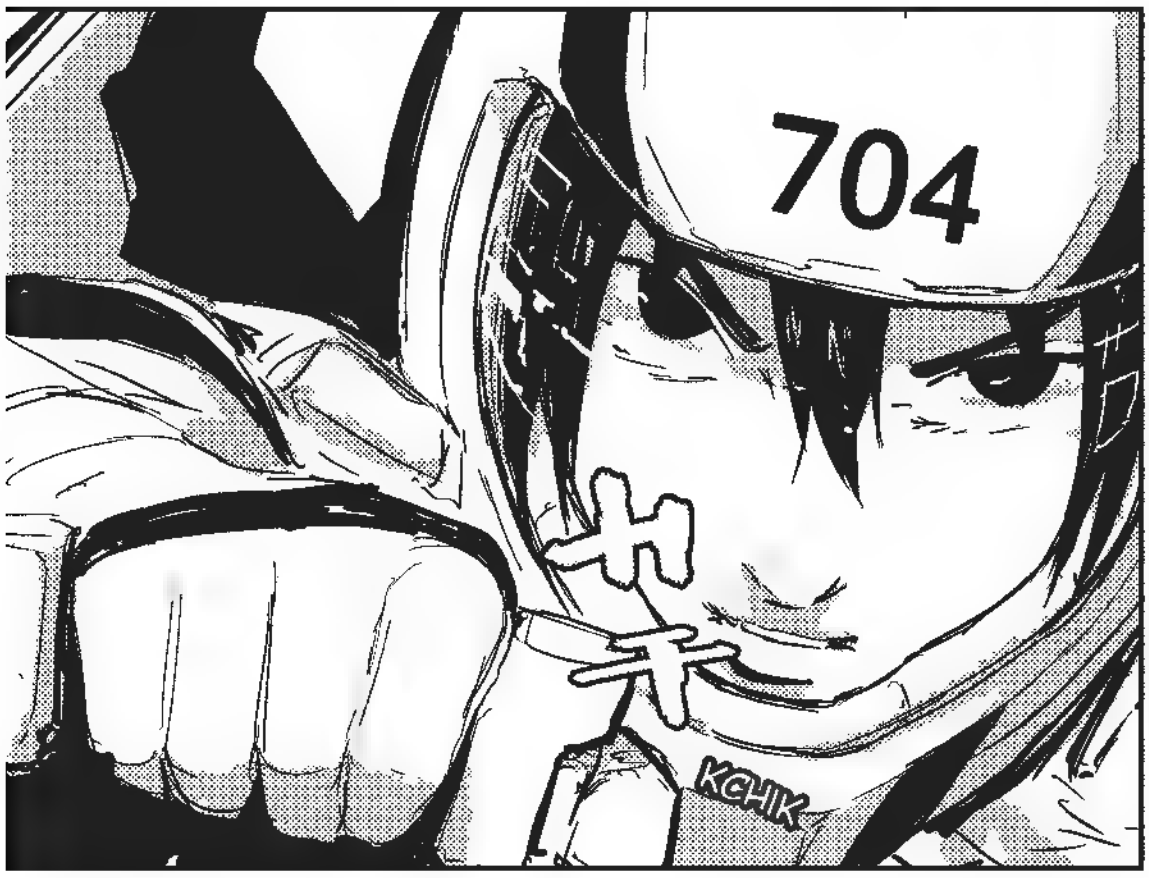

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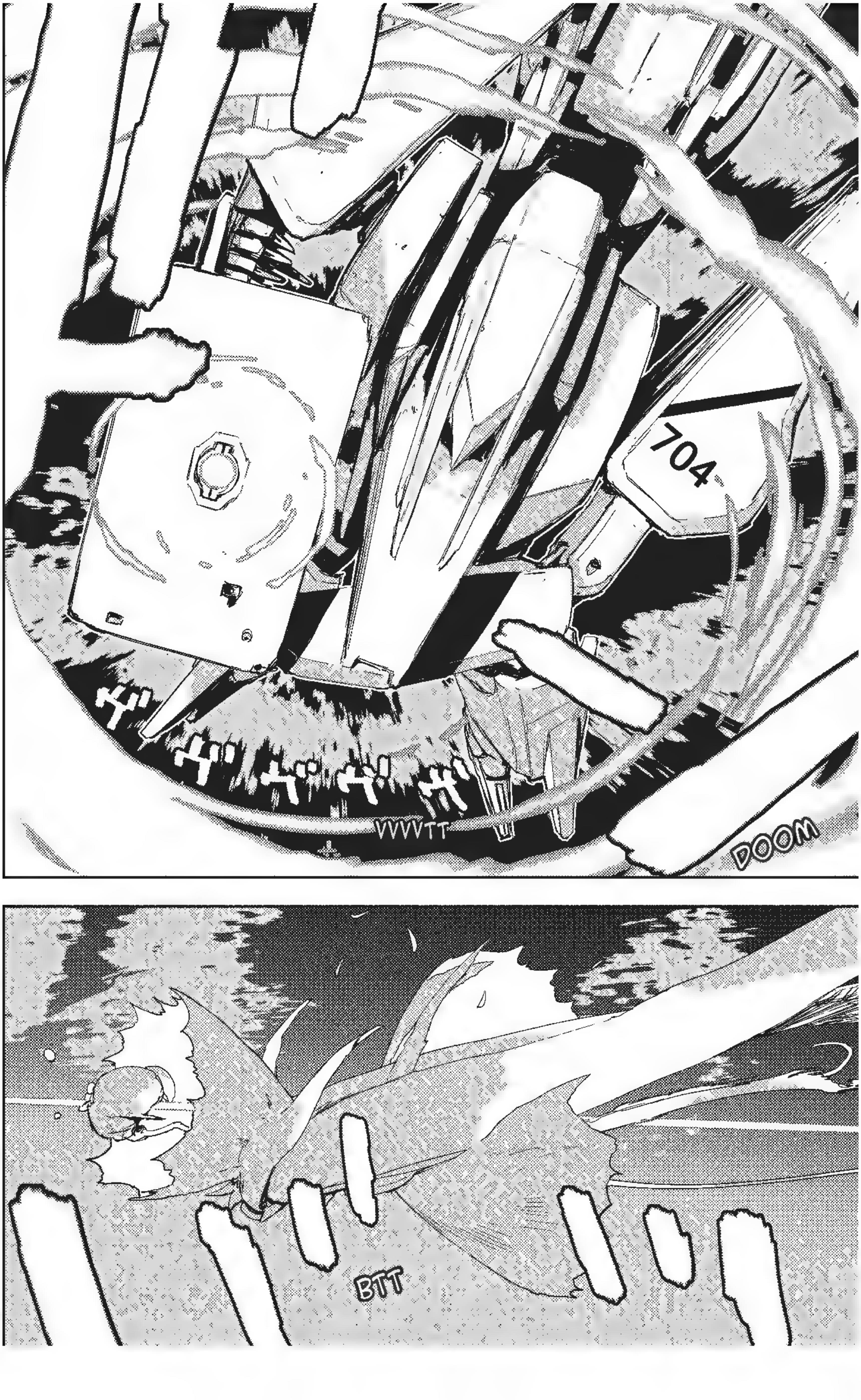

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VWUM
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KWEEEEE
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KCHIK


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DOOM
VVVVTT
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BTT

A HUMAN-FORM PLACENTA! SO GARDE-FORM GAUNAS DO REPLICATE PILOTS.

BWOOM

IT'S GONE ?!

PNTT

BIP

BIP

BIP

TANIKAZE UNIT— ONE GAUNA DESTROYED !!


AWAM





HUGG

ROLL ROLL

BEEP BEEP

GWHRR

TANIKAZE UNIT IS BEING RESTRAINED BY THE GAUNA!!

EVEN AT POINT BLANK RANGE, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT WENT THROUGH THE ANTI-HIGGS-BEAM COAT-ING...

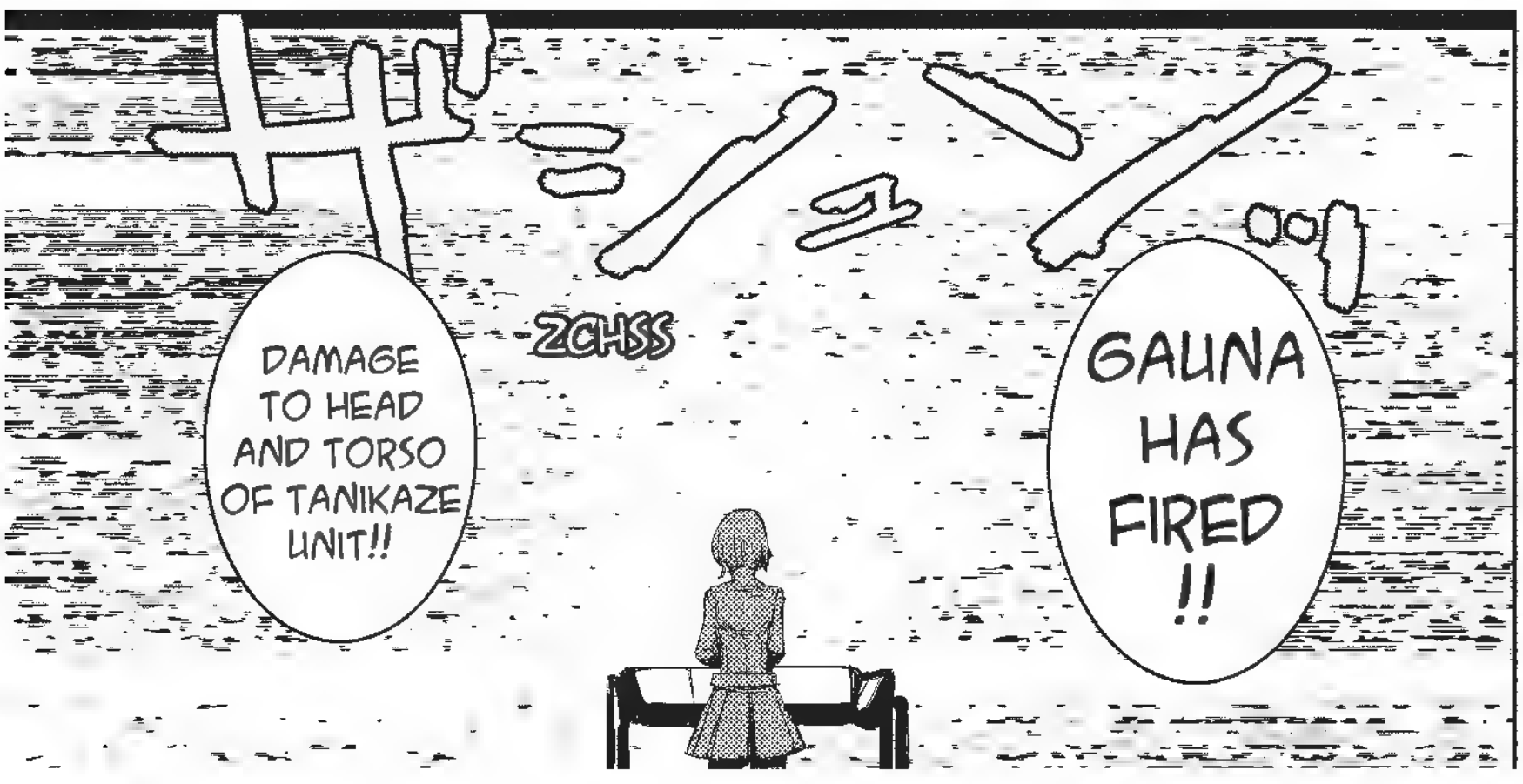
THE HIGGS PARTICLE CANNON FIRED BY THE GAUNA IS EXTREMELY HIGH-POWERED!

TANIKAZE UNIT LEFT ARM FUNCTION LOST !!

DFWOOO


GRIP
GWHOOO


VVT
VVT
TANIKAZE UNIT
MAIN CAMERA SYNC
VVT


DAMAGE TO HEAD AND TORSO OF TANIKAZE UNIT!!
ZCHSS
GAUNA HAS FIRED !!

ガバッ

FSHH

SCRAPE

BFF

GSHNK

ジャギンッ

DFOOM

BWOOOM

PILOT IS UNCON-SCIOUS!!

FOAM-STATE DISINTEGRATION CONFIRMED! TANIKAZE UNIT HAS DESTROYED THE GAUNA!

TANI-KAZE !!

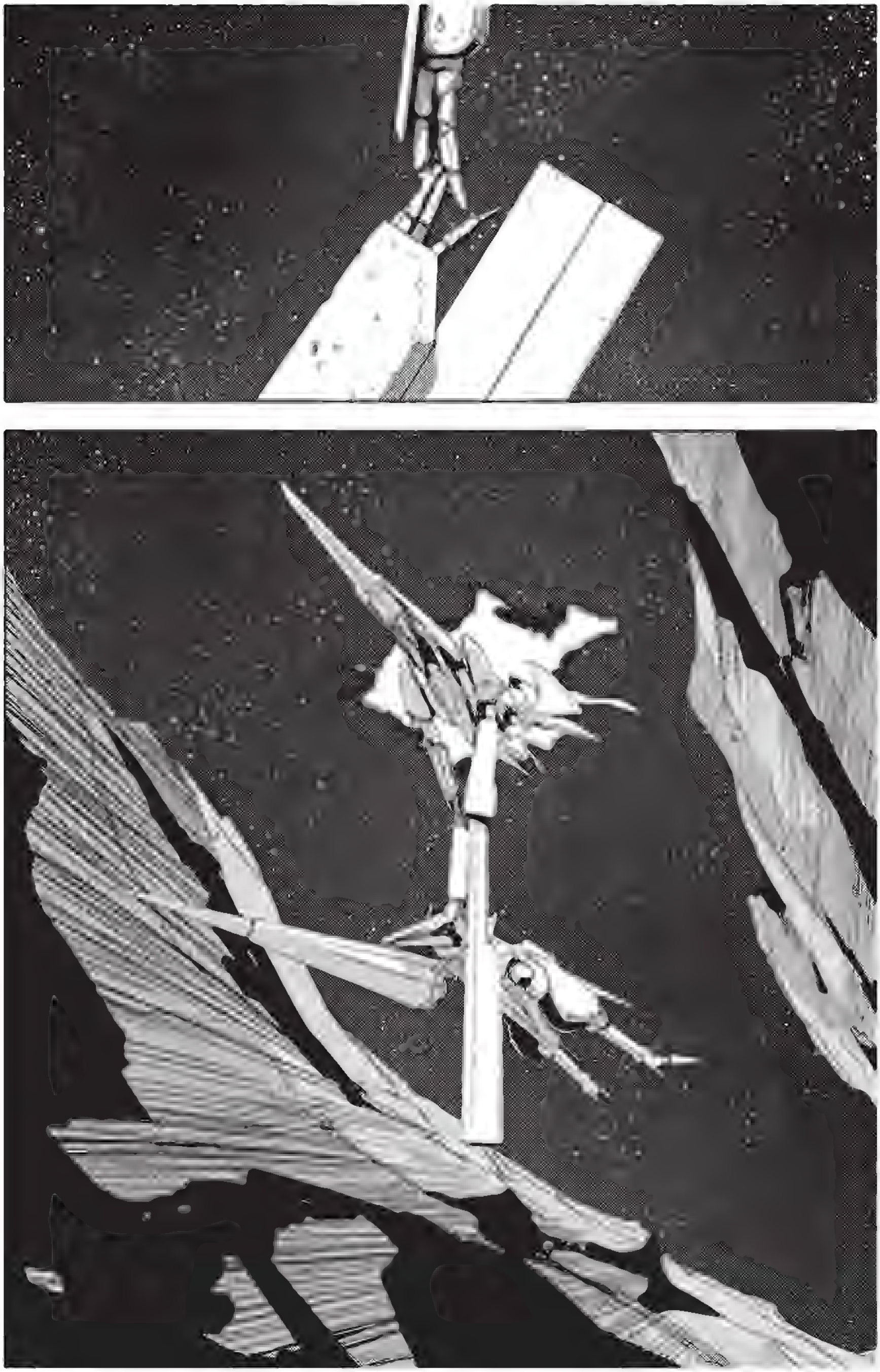
TANIKAZE UNIT IS ABOUT TO CRASH !!

BEEEP

BEEEP

BEEE

TANI-KAZE! RESPOND !!



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UNABLE TO MAINTAIN ALTITUDE !!

SHINATOSE UNIT, EXCEEDING LOAD LIMIT !!

SHINA-TOSE !!

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NAGATE, WAKE UP!!

DWOOM

NAGATE
!

NAGATE
!

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GNUM

FLIPP

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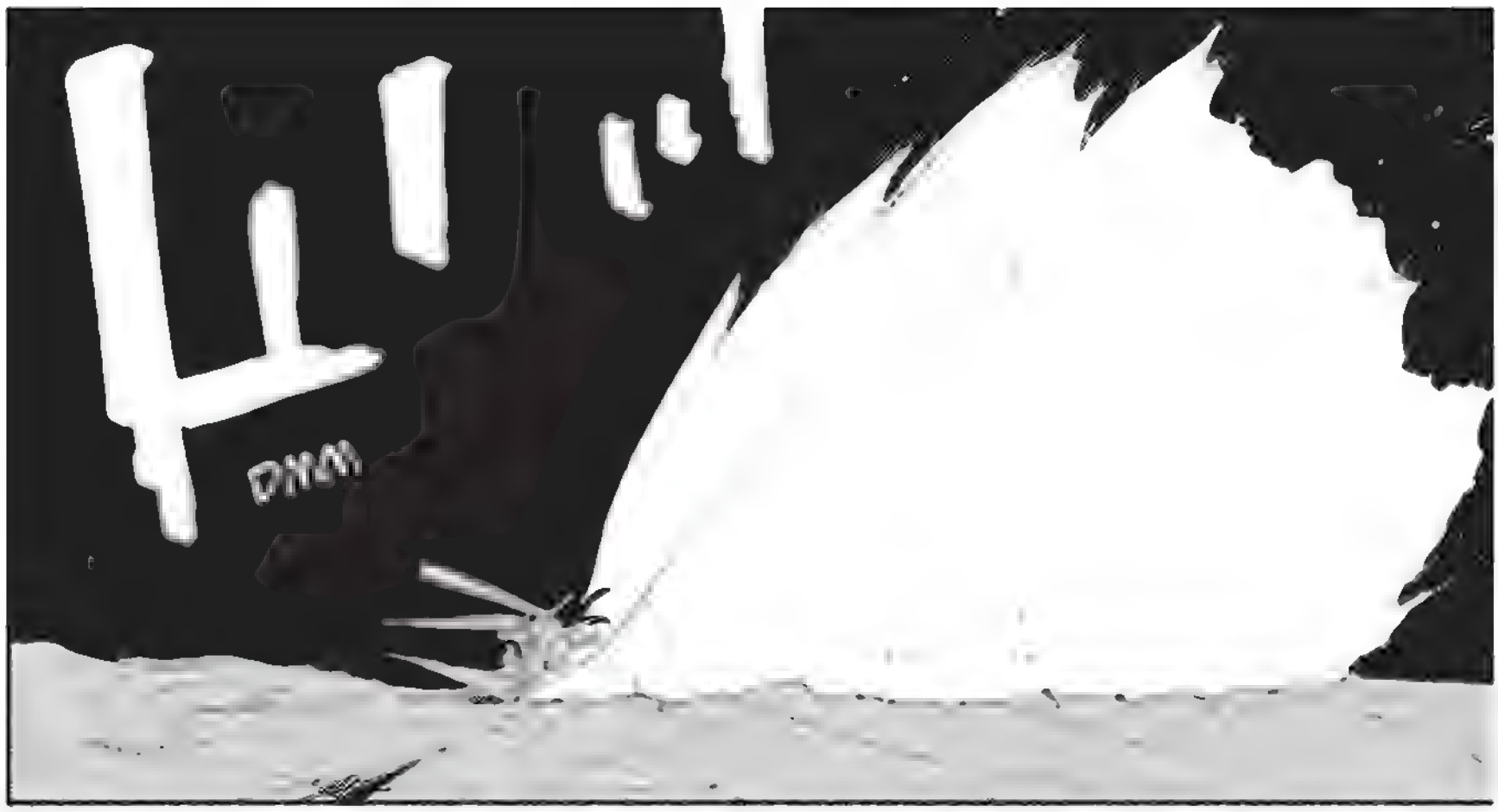
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WE'RE NOT LOSING NAGATE.

SIDONIA'S BEACON OF HOPE ...

MR. IZANA!! YOU'LL GET KILLED TOO!!

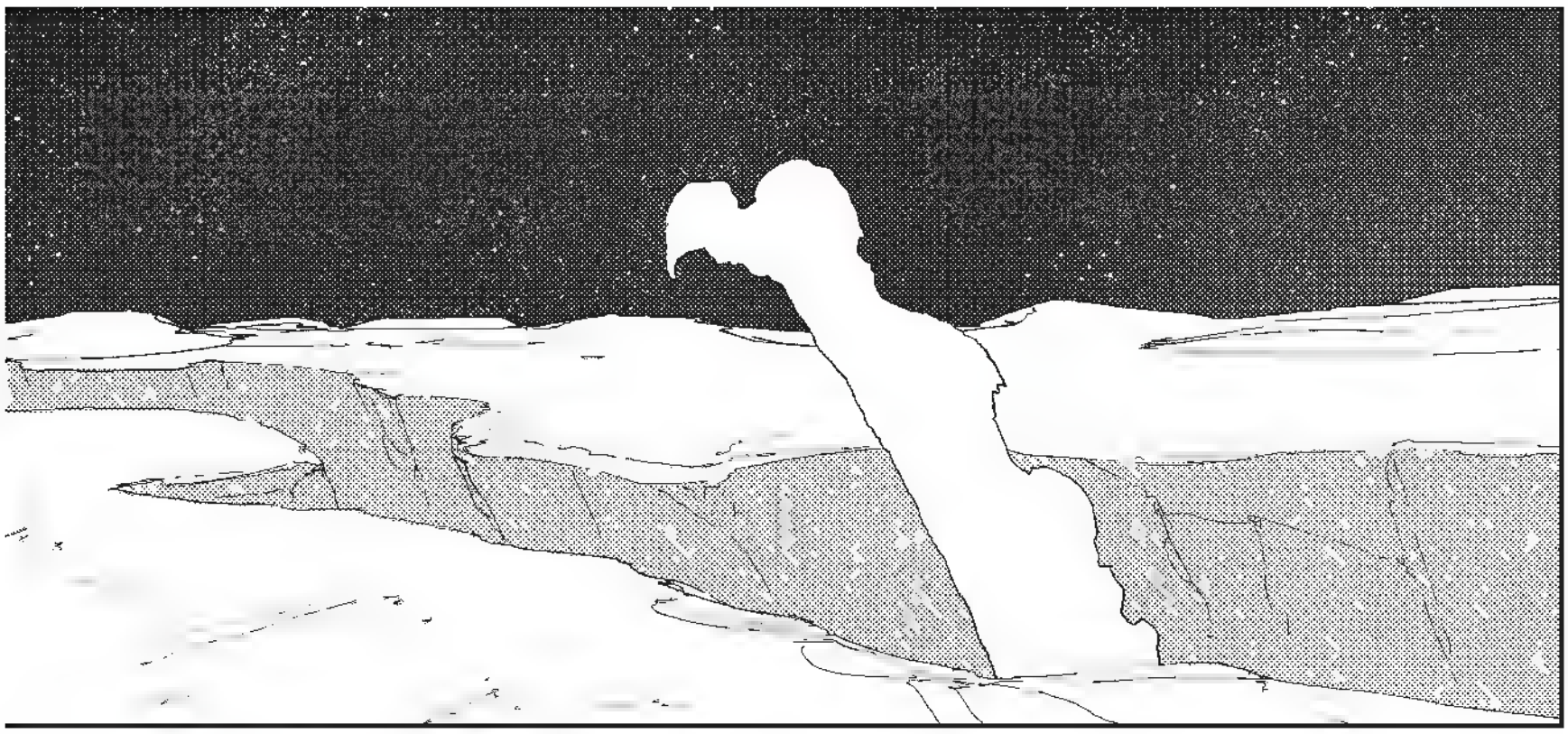
MR. IZANA !!!

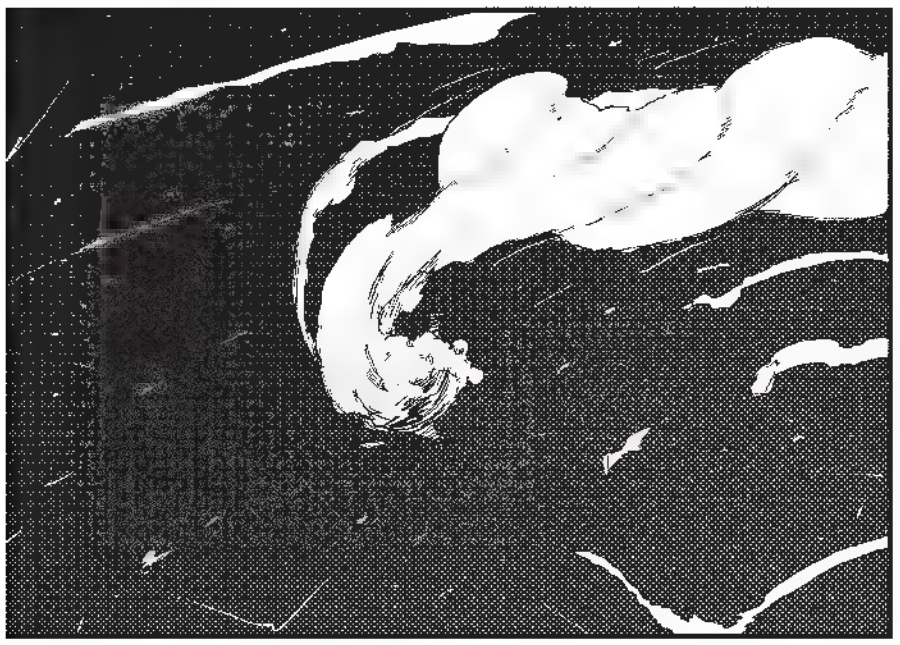

DHAM


GAUUUKKK

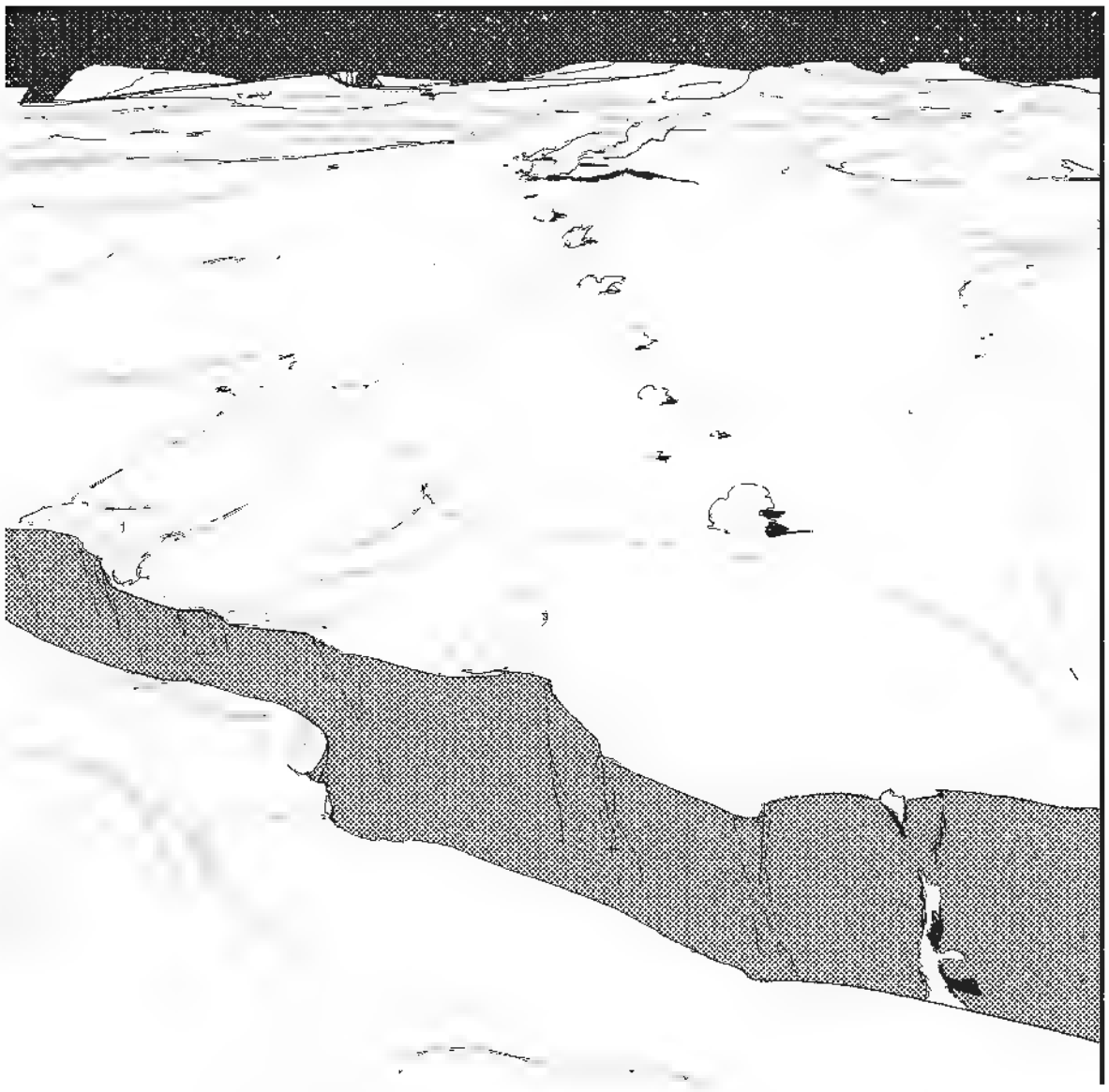

KRESSSE








GONK
GONK
GONK




ROLL
ROLL
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ZLTT
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ZZ

SHIT.

GALINAS ON ALL SIDES!!

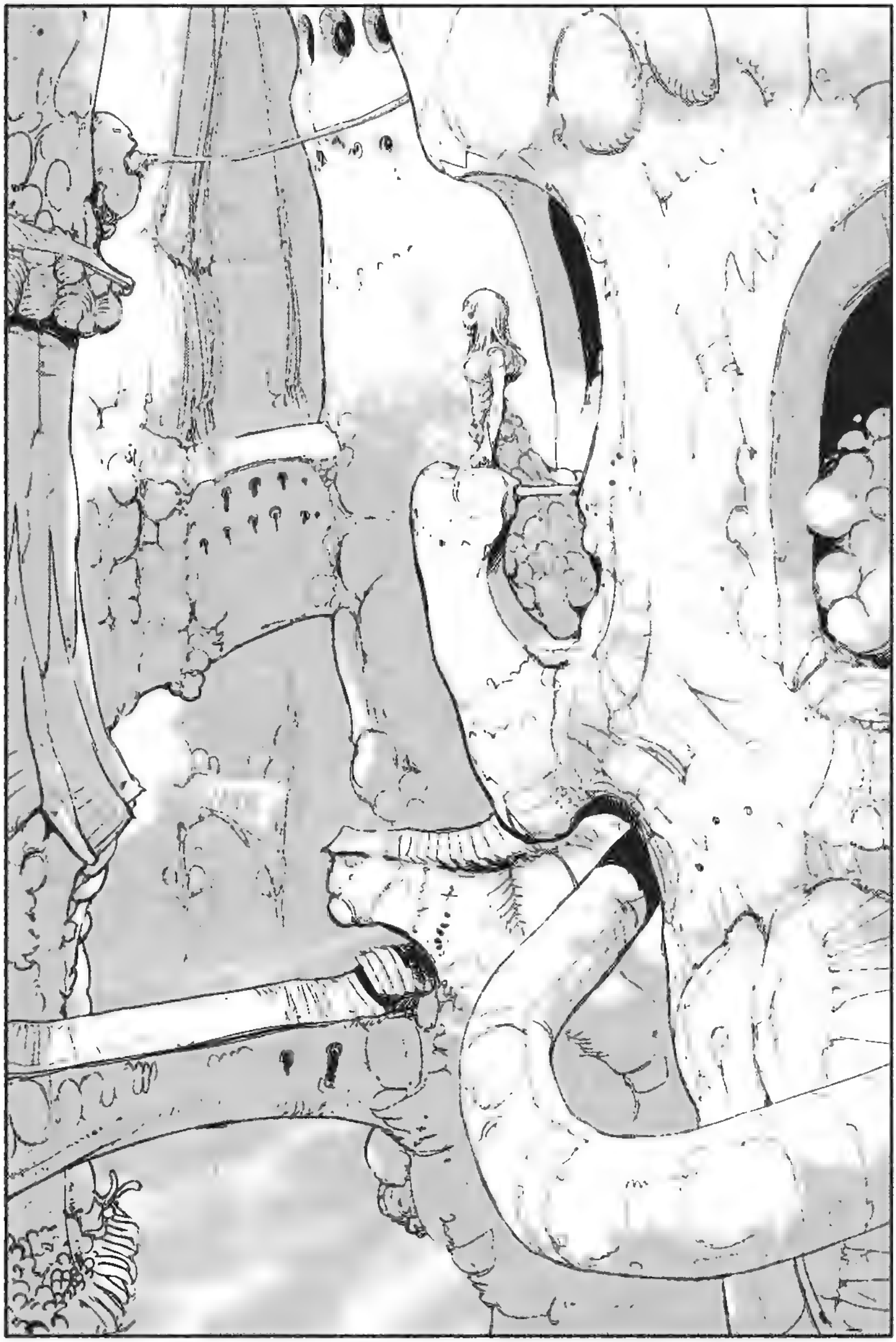
TANIKAZE UNIT AND SHINATOSE UNIT, PILOT CONDITION UNKNOWN.

Chapter 24: END





Chapter 25: First Platoon's Grind



One Hundred Sights of Sidonia Part Twenty:
Gauna-Generated Town (Conceptual)


WARNING TO ALL SHIP CREW.
PLEASE PREPARE FOR EMERGENCY ACCELERATION AND REFRAIN FROM GOING OUTDOORS.

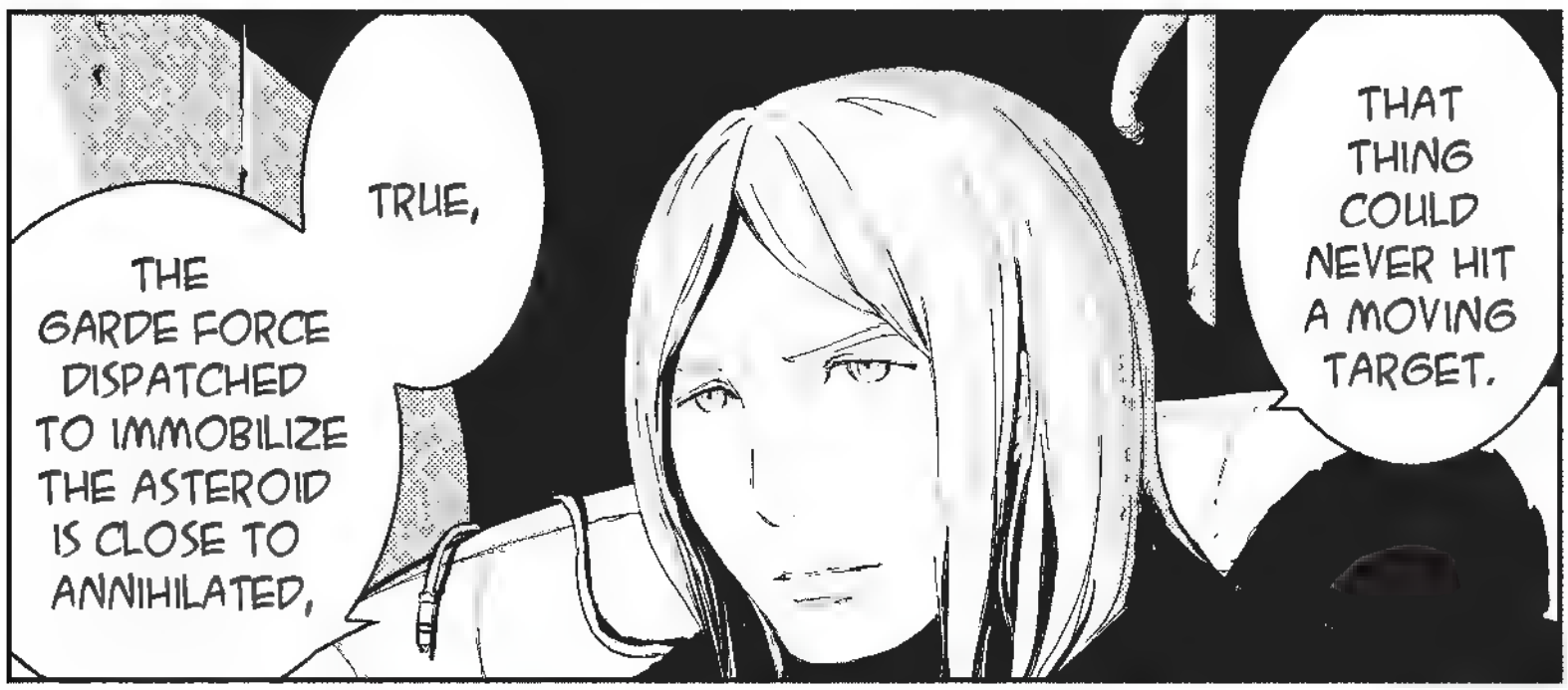
IF YOU MUST DO SO, PLEASE BE AWARE OF HANDRAIL LOCATIONS AT ALL TIMES.

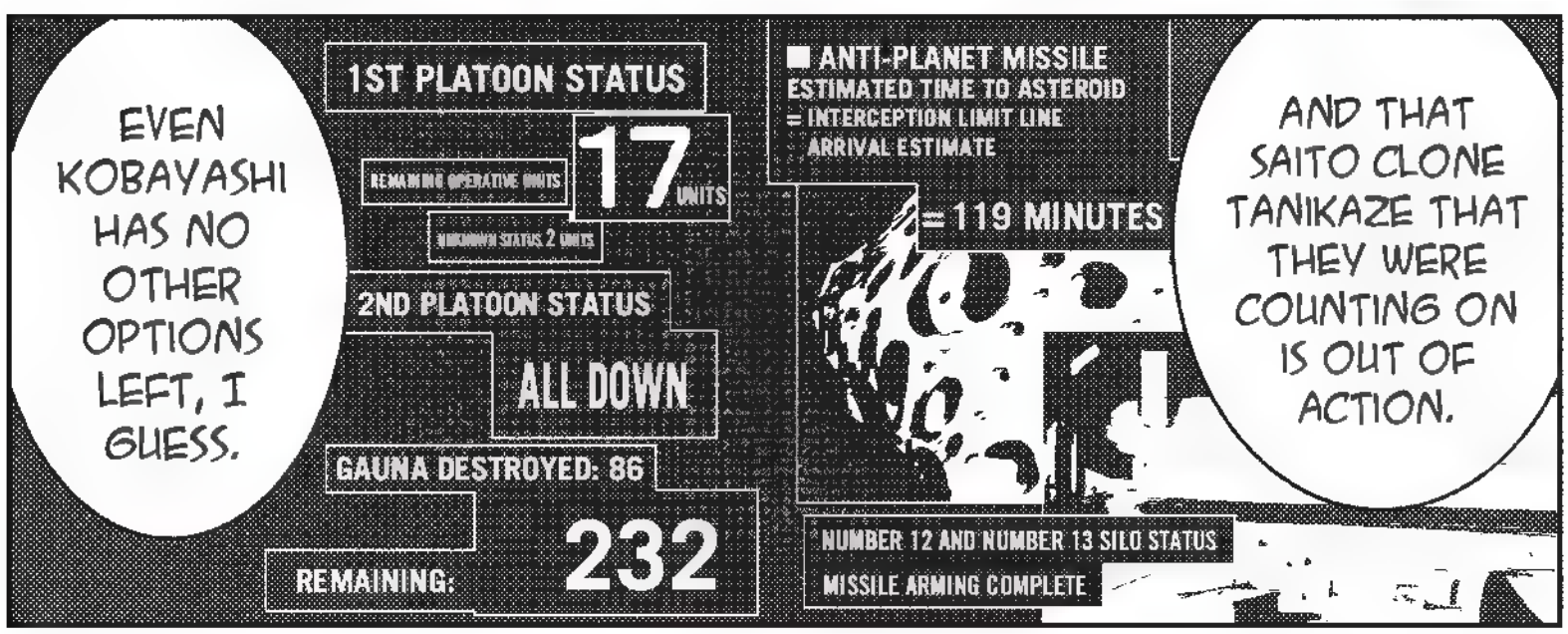
AND BE READY TO EMPLOY YOUR SAFETY BELT IMMEDIATELY.

NAGATE ...

WE REPEAT. THE ASTEROID APPROACHING SIDONIA IS STILL—


SO THEY'VE RESORTED TO A PLANET BUSTER.


TRUE,
THE GARDE FORCE DISPATCHED TO IMMOBILIZE THE ASTEROID IS CLOSE TO ANNIHILATED,
THAT THING COULD NEVER HIT A MOVING TARGET.


EVEN KOBAYASHI HAS NO OTHER OPTIONS LEFT, I GUESS.
1ST PLATOON STATUS
REMAINING OPERATIVE UNITS
17 UNITS
UNKNOWN STATUS 2 UNITS
2ND PLATOON STATUS
ALL DOWN
GAUNA DESTROYED: 86
REMAINING:
232
■ ANTI-PLANET MISSILE
ESTIMATED TIME TO ASTEROID
= INTERCEPTION LIMIT LINE
ARRIVAL ESTIMATE
= 119 MINUTES
NUMBER 12 AND NUMBER 13 SILO STATUS
MISSILE ARMING COMPLETE
AND THAT SAITO CLONE TANIKAZE THAT THEY WERE COUNTING ON IS OUT OF ACTION.

WITH JUST A FEW OF THE HYBRID I CREATED

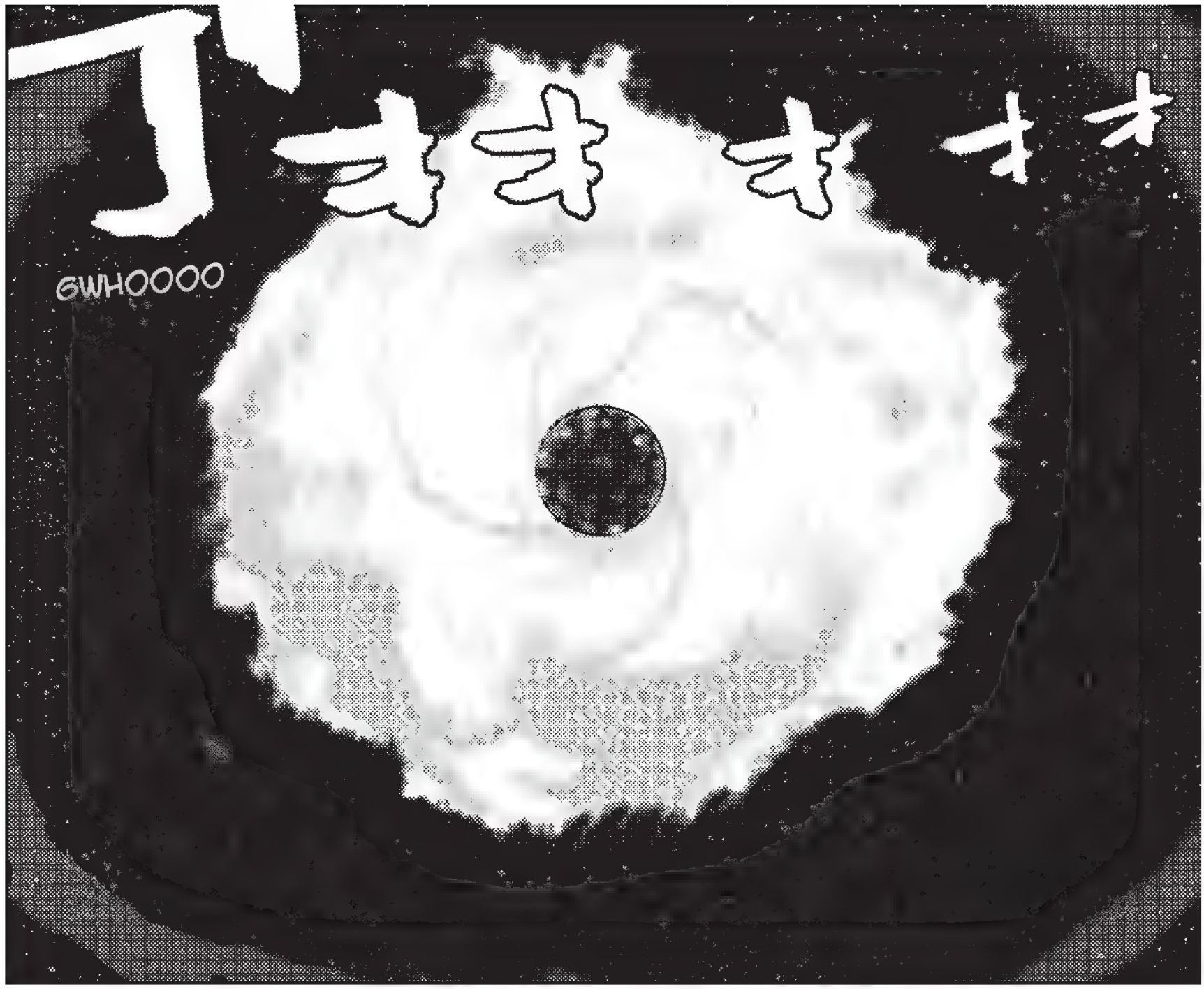
THEY COULD HAVE BLOWN AN ASTEROID LIKE THAT TO PIECES ALONG WITH THE GALINA WITHOUT FIRING A MISSILE.

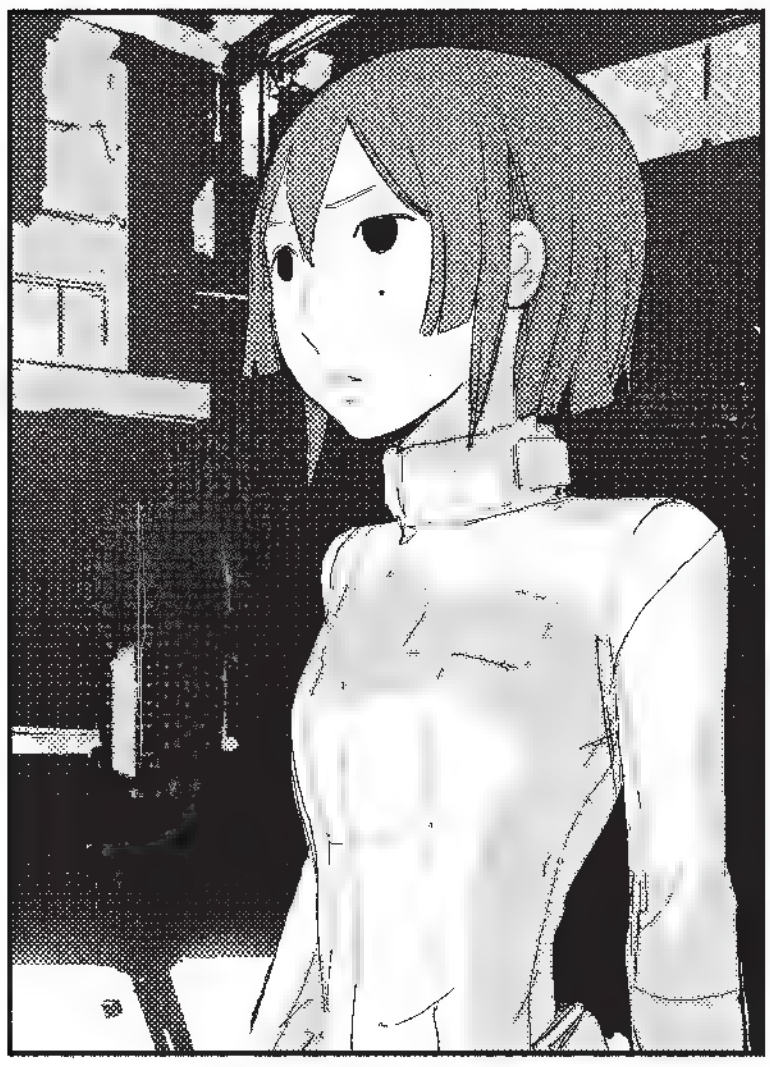
I'VE TOLD THEM COUNTLESS TIMES. WE CAN'T DEFEAT GALINAS WITH GARDES.

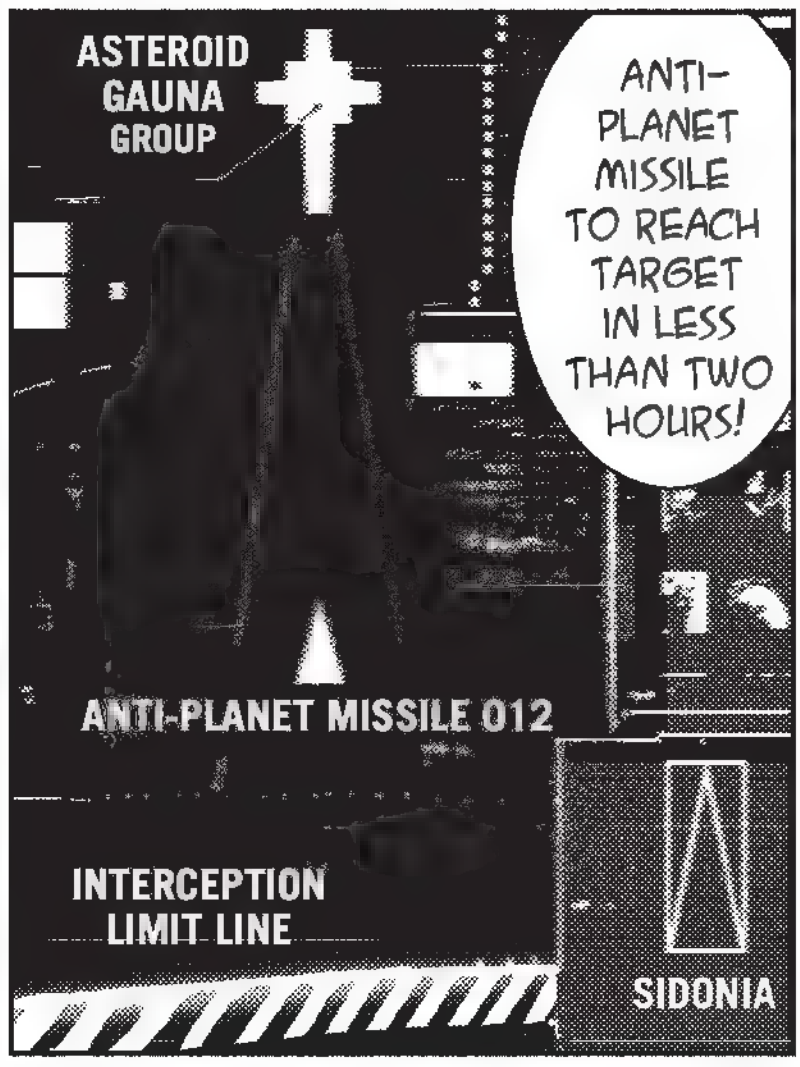
MR. OCHIAI. IT'S TIME WE MOVED TO A SAFE LOCATION TOO...

IF AN ASTEROID HITS US, IT WOULDN'T MATTER WHERE WE ARE.

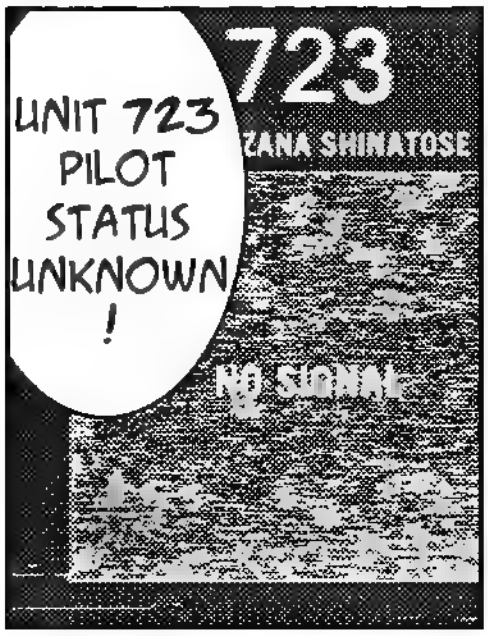
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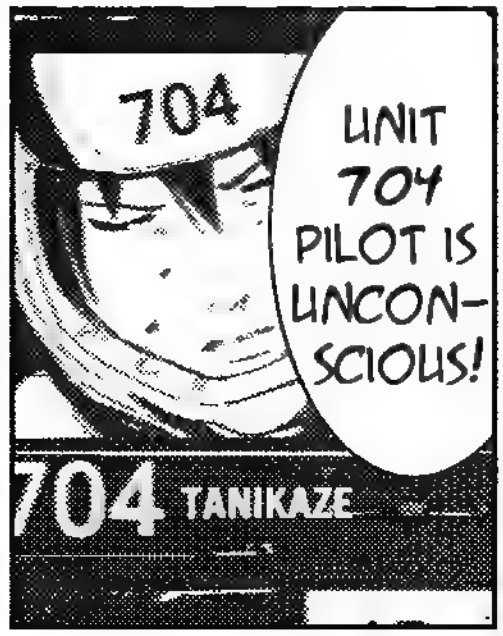

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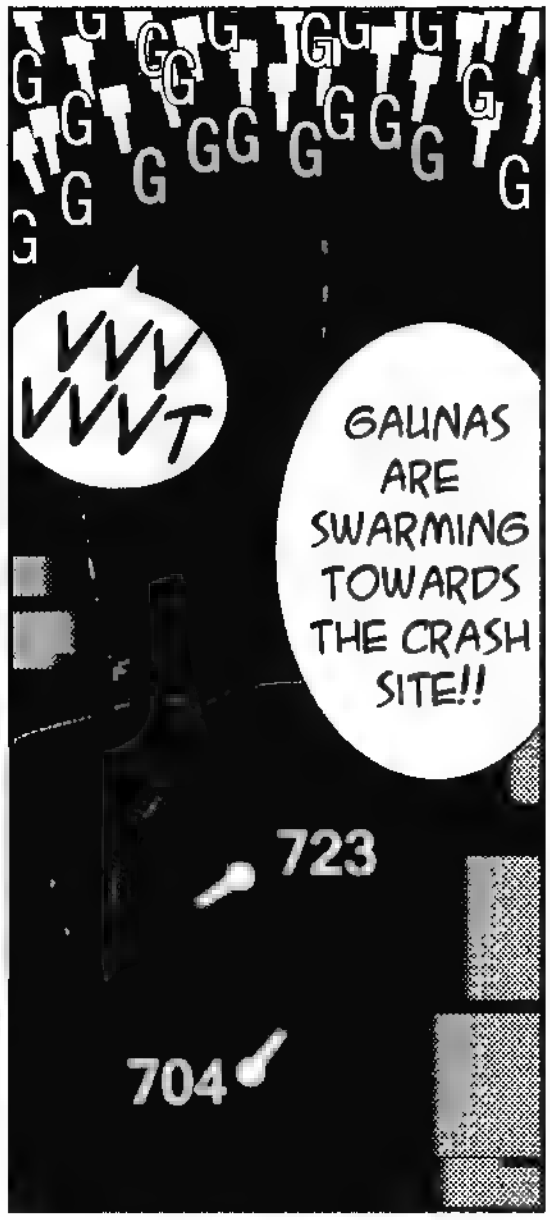



ASTEROID GAUNA GROUP
ANTI-PLANET MISSILE TO REACH TARGET IN LESS THAN TWO HOURS!
ANTI-PLANET MISSILE 012
INTERCEPTION LIMIT LINE
SIDONIA


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ZANA SHINATOSE
UNIT 723 PILOT STATUS UNKNOWN !
NO SIGNAL

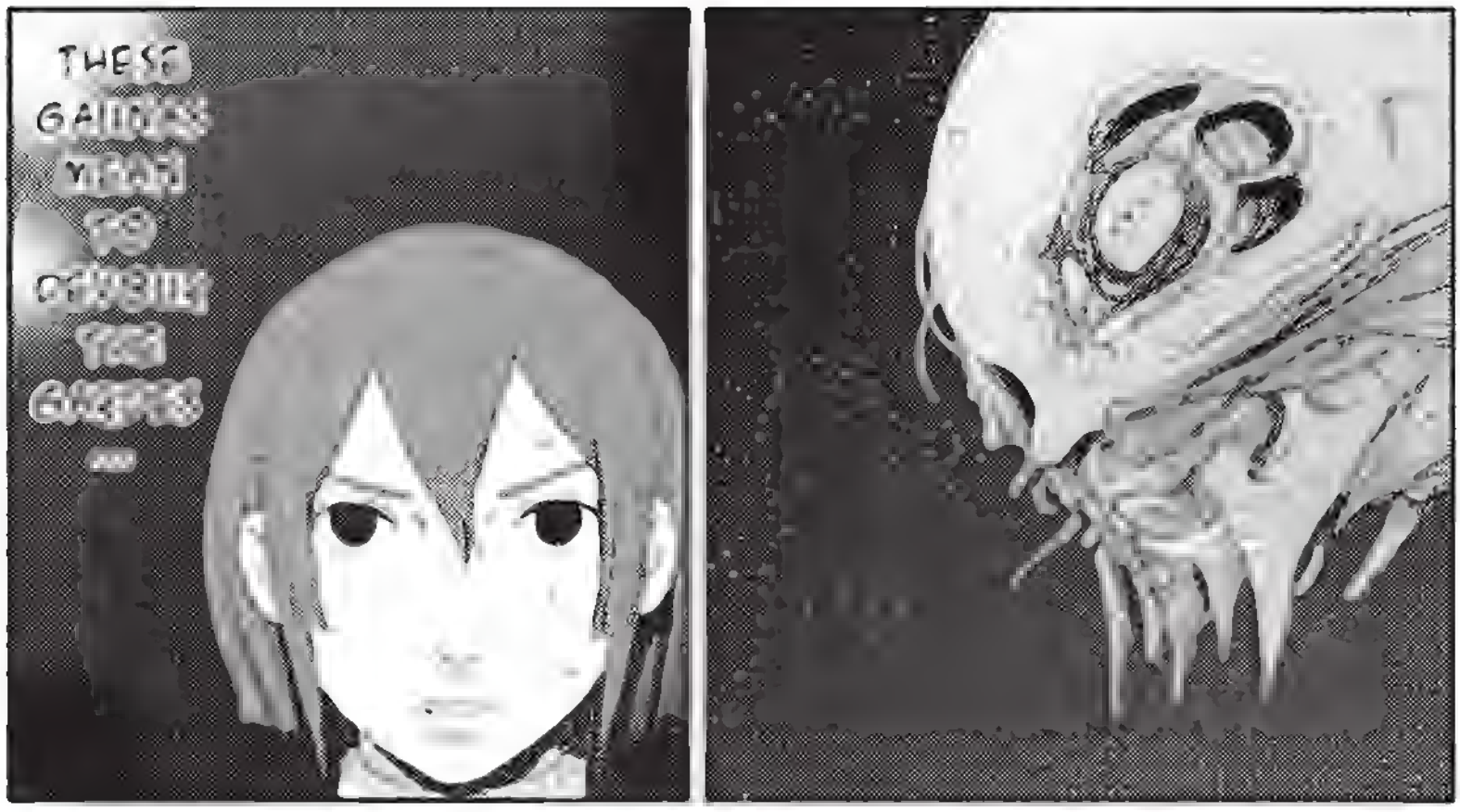

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UNIT 704 PILOT IS UNCON-SCIOUS!
704 TANIKAZE


VVV VVVT
GAUNAS ARE SWARMING TOWARDS THE CRASH SITE!!
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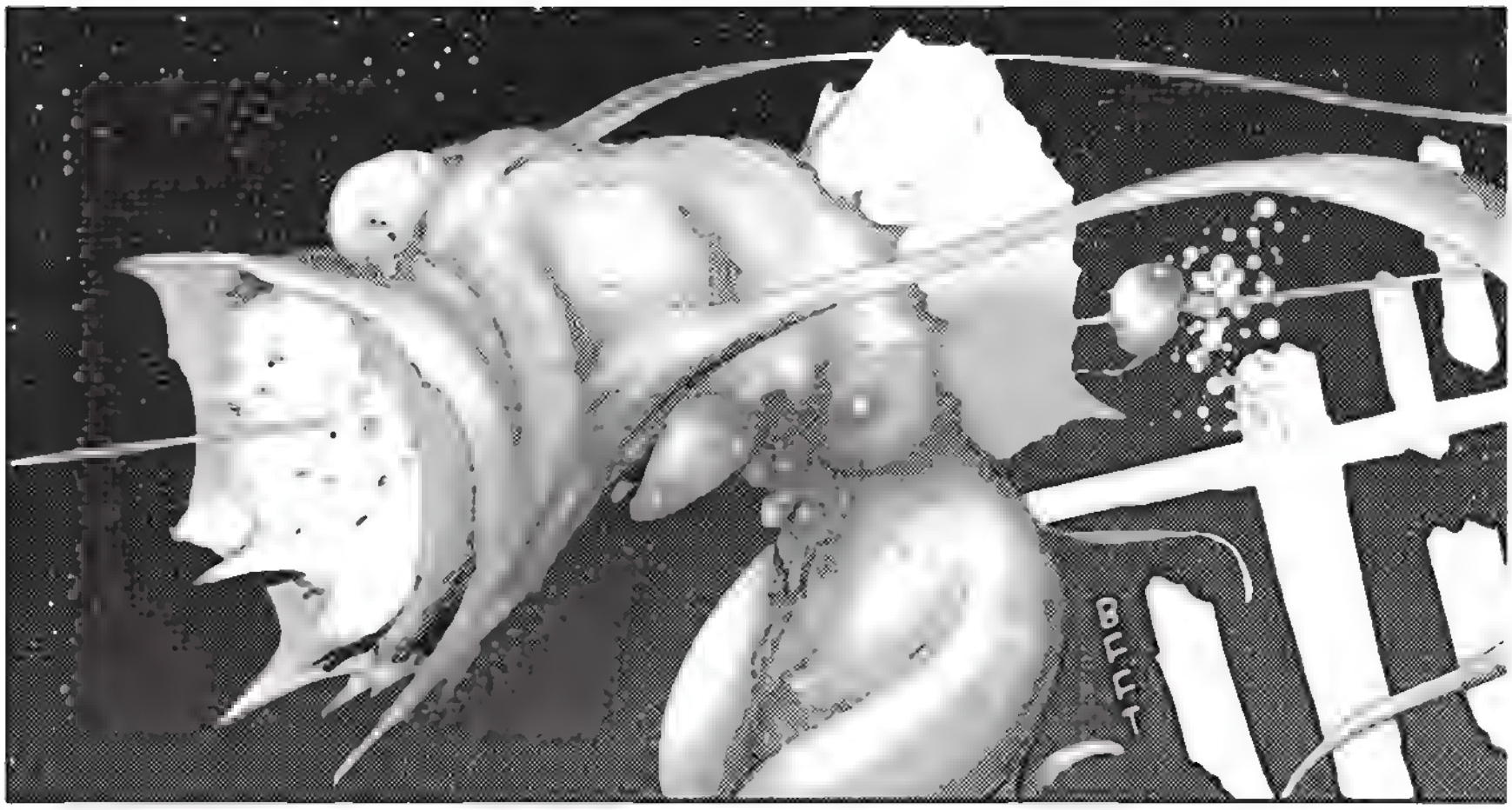

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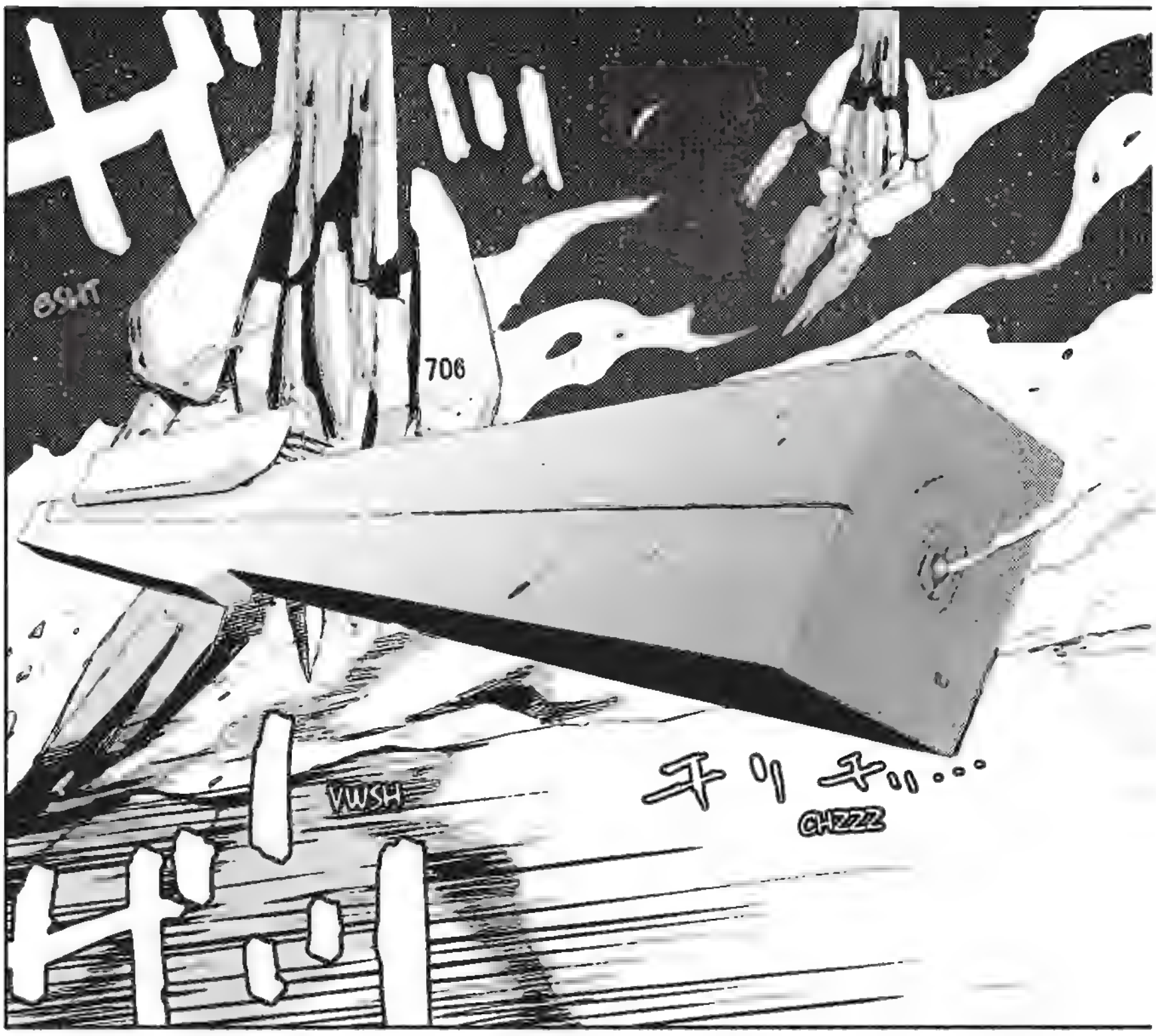

FLAP
WHOOOO


DWHOO


THESE
GAIJIN
WITCH
HAS
OBTAINED
THEIR
GUISES
AND
POWERS
FROM
THE
DEAD!!


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BUUT


BGHT
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VWSH
CHZZZ

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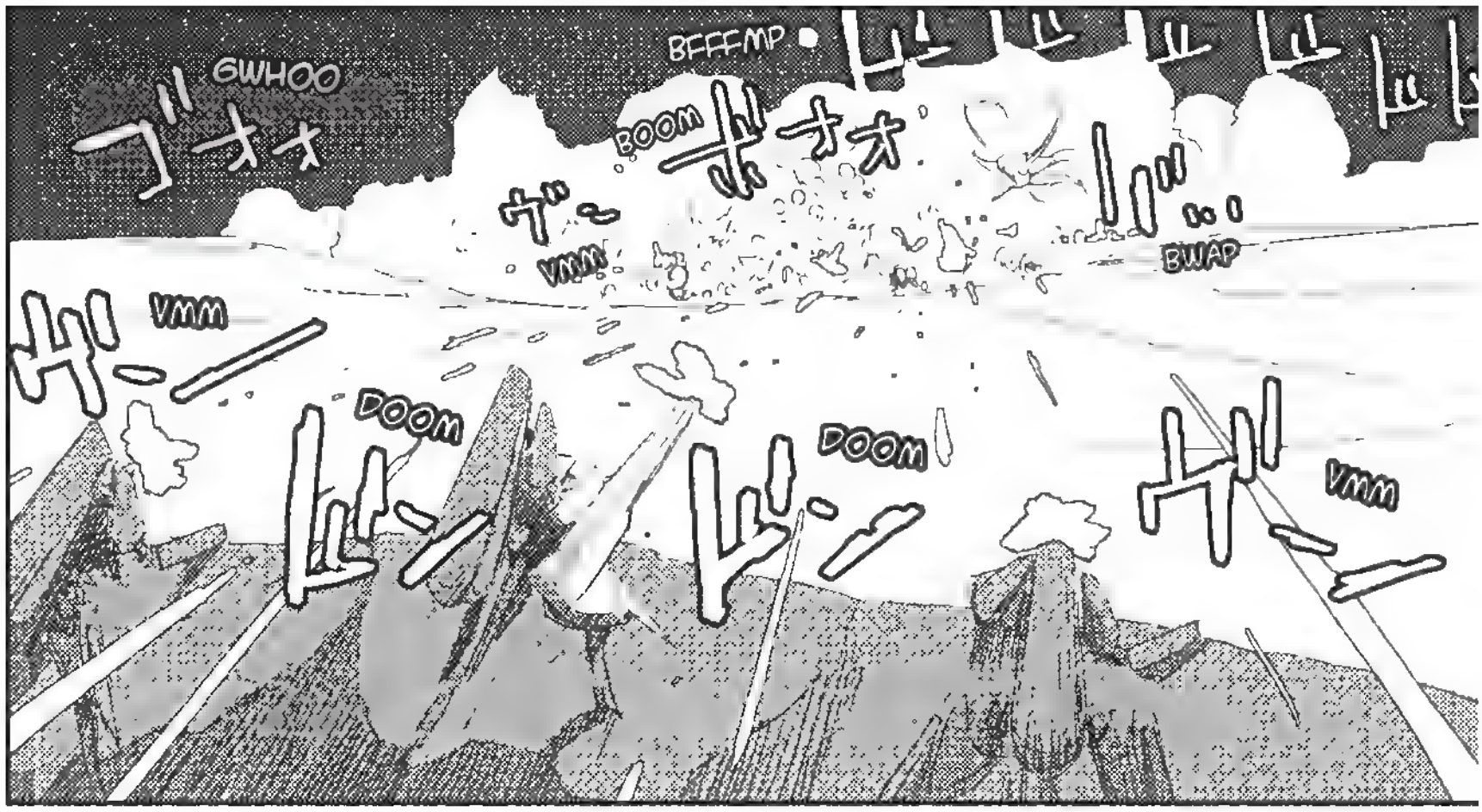
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QUICK
!!


PFMP
VWAPP


DOOM
VTT
VMM
VMM
GRRT


GWHOO
BFFFMP
BOOM
VMM
BWAP
VMM
DOOM
DOOM
VMM

MY ANTI-HIGGS SHIELD !!

BOHING

BOM

BOM

VVNN

HANG ON, TANIKAZE! I'M COMING FOR YOU!

RESCUED SHINA-TOSE!

STILL ALIVE !!

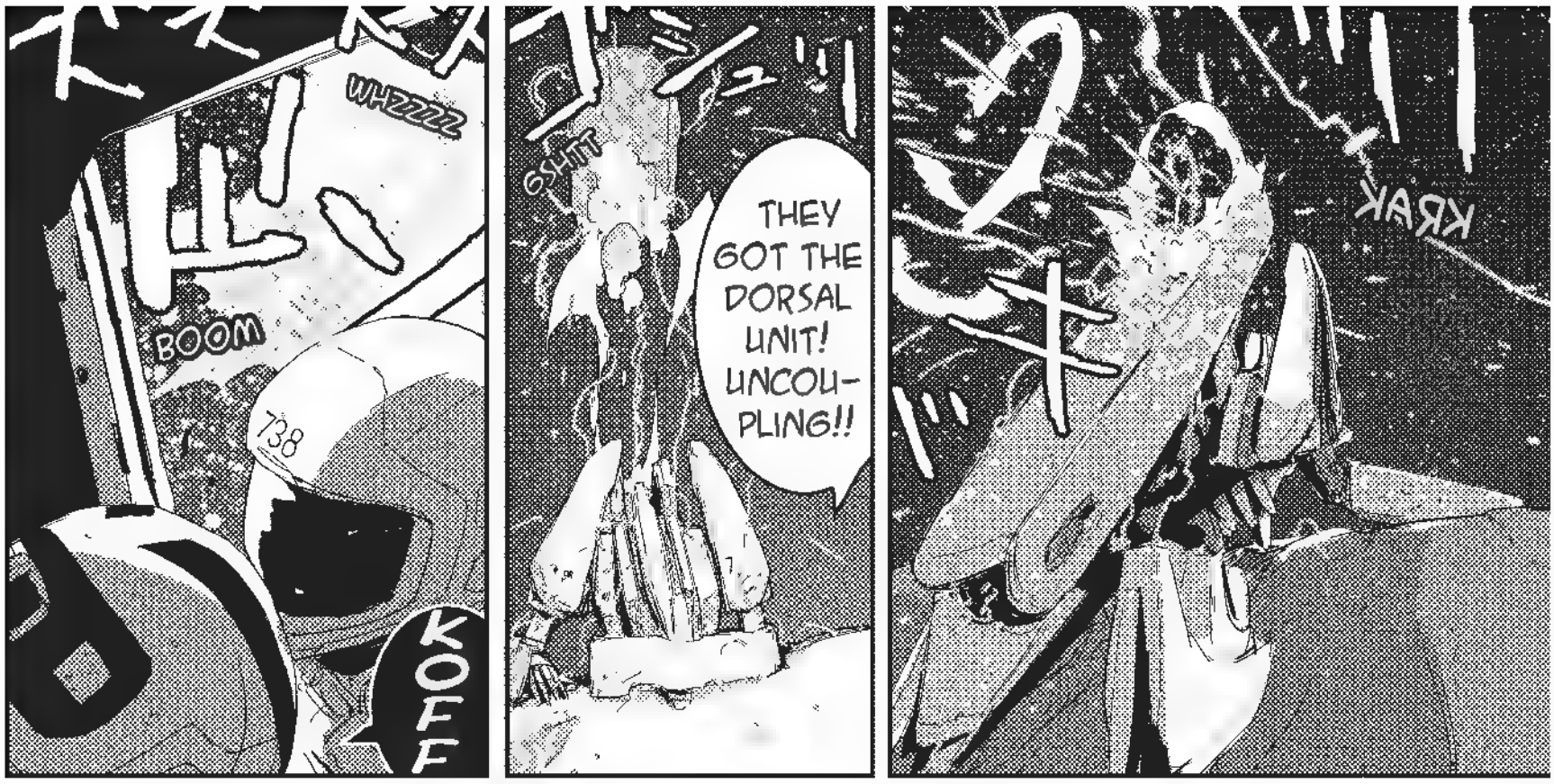
EVEN IF HE WAKES, THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL BE ABLE TO PILOT...

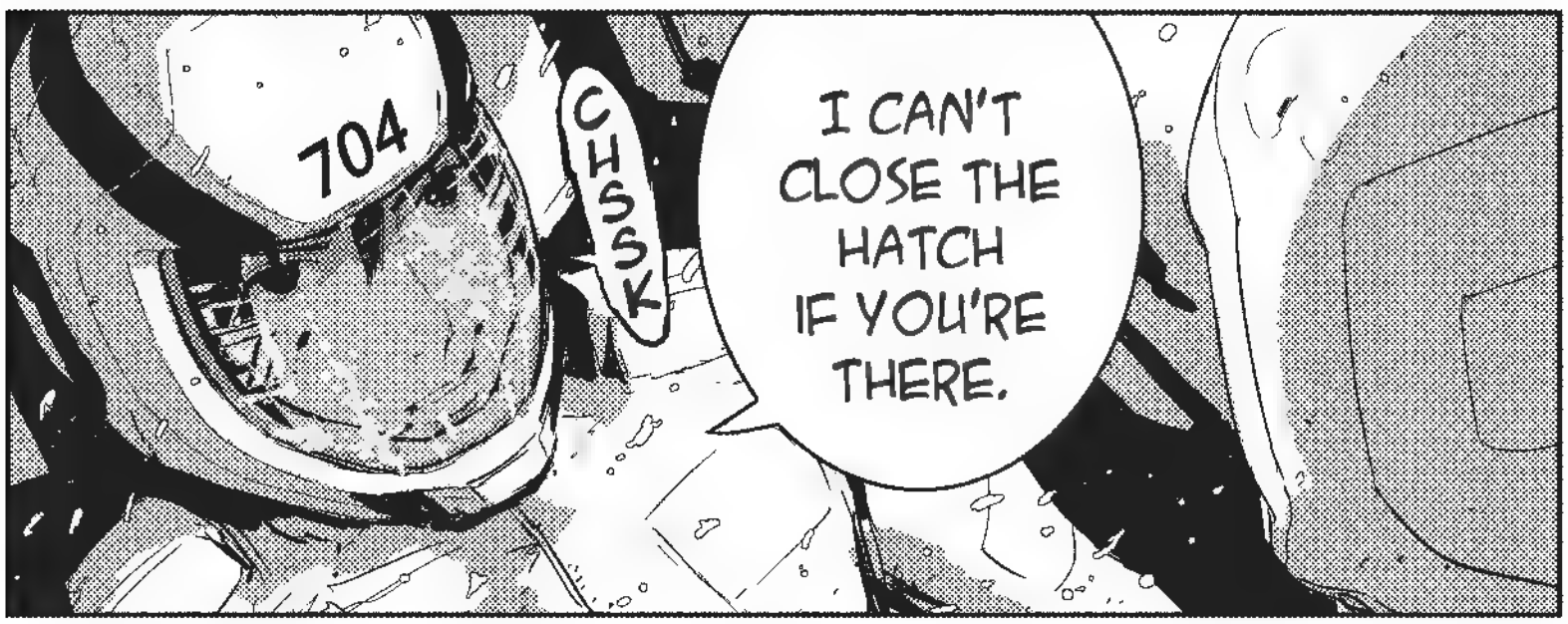
THESE... AREN'T INJURIES TREATABLE WITH A MED UNIT.

DON'T GET TANIKAZE OUT OF THE PILOT COMPART-MENT.

HUH?!! UH... ROGER!

TREAT HIM THERE AND OBSERVE HIS CONDITION.


WHZZZZZ
BOOM
738
KOFF
OSHIT
THEY GOT THE DORSAL UNIT! UNCOU-PLING!!
KRAK


704
CHSSK
I CAN'T CLOSE THE HATCH IF YOU'RE THERE.


IT'S BUSTED !
TANI-KAZE !!
AND I GET BETTER SCORES WITH NO HELMET!!
WHA —?!
CAN YOU FLY? WHERE'S YOUR HELMET ?!
GWOO


T-TANI-KAZE! YOU'RE OKAY?!!

ROUTE B, SEII SQUAD

KABOOM

BOOM

VNN

VEEN

VVN

JOINED WITH SEII SQUAD!

WE'LL PRESS ON TO THE PROPULSION SOURCE!

SAMA-RI!

026

TANIKAZE SQUAD, THERE ARE NO MORE GALINAS IN THAT AREA.

FORGET ABOUT ME. THOSE WHO CAN FLY, ARRAY AND RETURN TO SIDONIA.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, TANIKAZE?

WE WON'T MAKE IT IF WE MOVE WITH ALL UNITS IN THE SQUAD.

WE HAVE LESS THAN 60 MINUTES TO THE INTERCEPT LIMIT.

704

GCHNK

I CAN JUST BARELY MAKE IT IF IT'S JUST ME.

THIS SORTIE, THE TSUGUMORI HAS THE PROTOTYPE OF A NEW HIGGS ENGINE IN ITS DORSAL UNIT.

706

TANIKAZE... YOU ALWAYS GET SPECIAL GEAR.

REN

IT'S NOT FAIR.

723

751

YOU ALL ALSO RESCUE WHOEVER YOU CAN.

OCHENKK

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YEAH. SO I'M GOING ALONE FROM HERE.

WILL YOU AVENGE HOU FOR ME?

I SAVED JUST ONE LAST ROUND FOR THE HAWK MOTH.

WAIT, TANI-KAZE. HERE ...

FLASH

DOOM

... YEAH.

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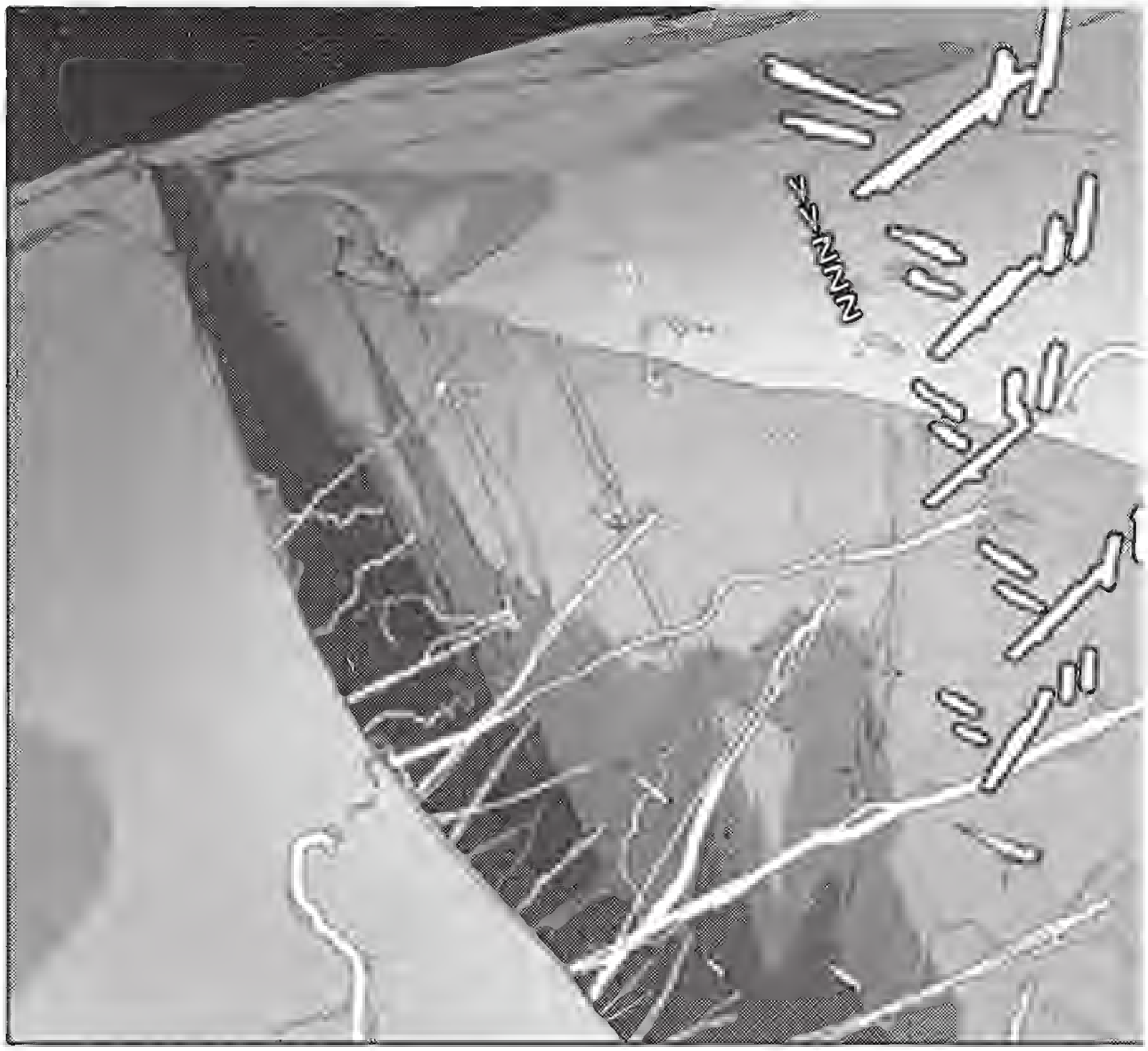
SAMARI AND SEII SQUADS ARE STEADILY NEARING THE PROPULSION SOURCE!

TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES TO ASTEROID INTERCEPT LIMIT!

KWEEEE

FINE WEATHER EN ROUTE! A BIT NARROW FOR A CLASP ARRAY, BUT WHATTA VIEW!

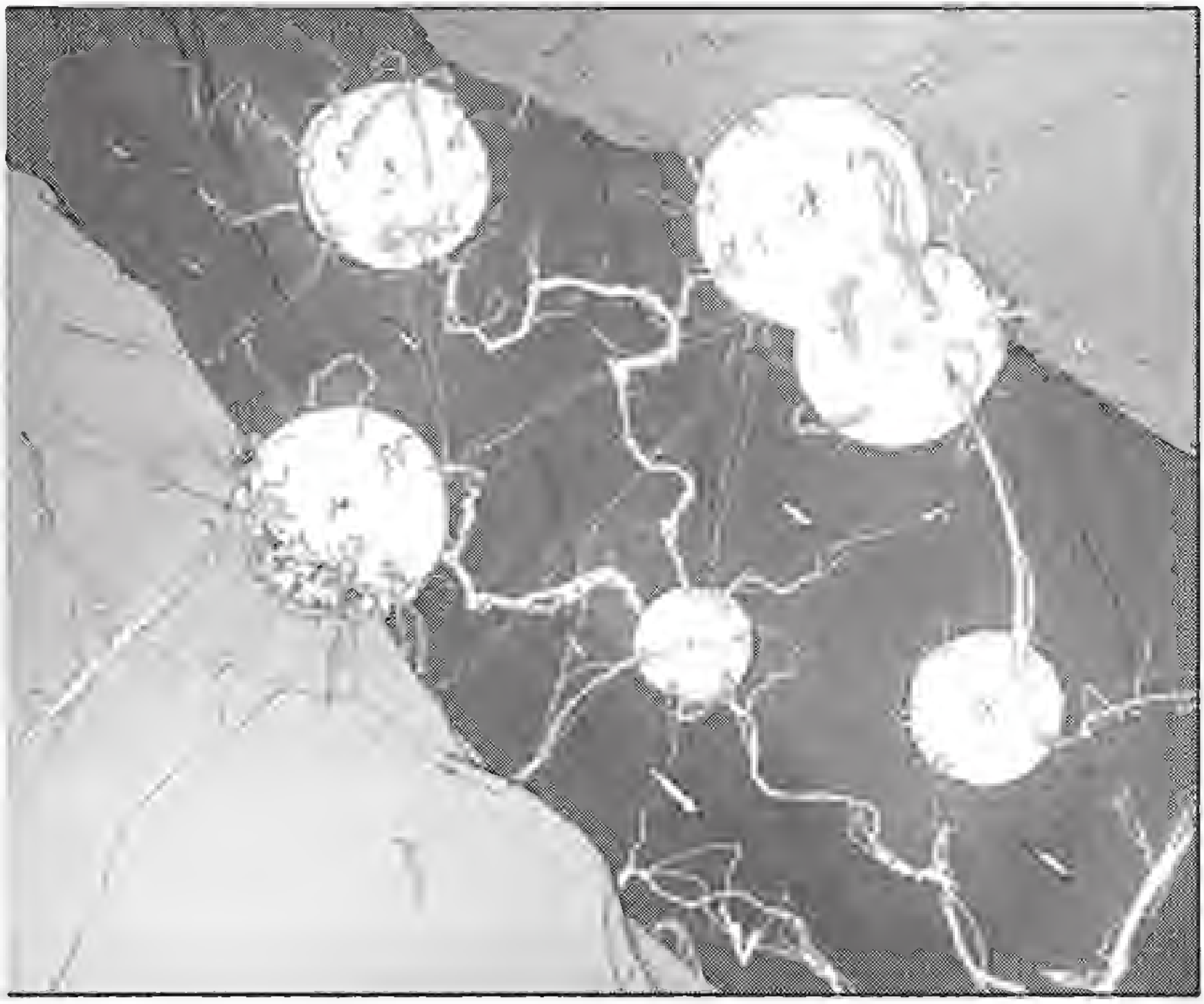
HAHA, I'M GETTING SICK OF THE GAUNA CANYONS. LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH AND HEAD ON HOME!




WHAT THE?!
VZZT


?!!
WZ
WZ


026
HIGGS PARTICLES !!



ズズズ...

WHZZZZ

GWHOO

SAMARI SOUAD

BIP

SEIJI SOUAD

BIP

BIP

ROAARR

WHZZZ

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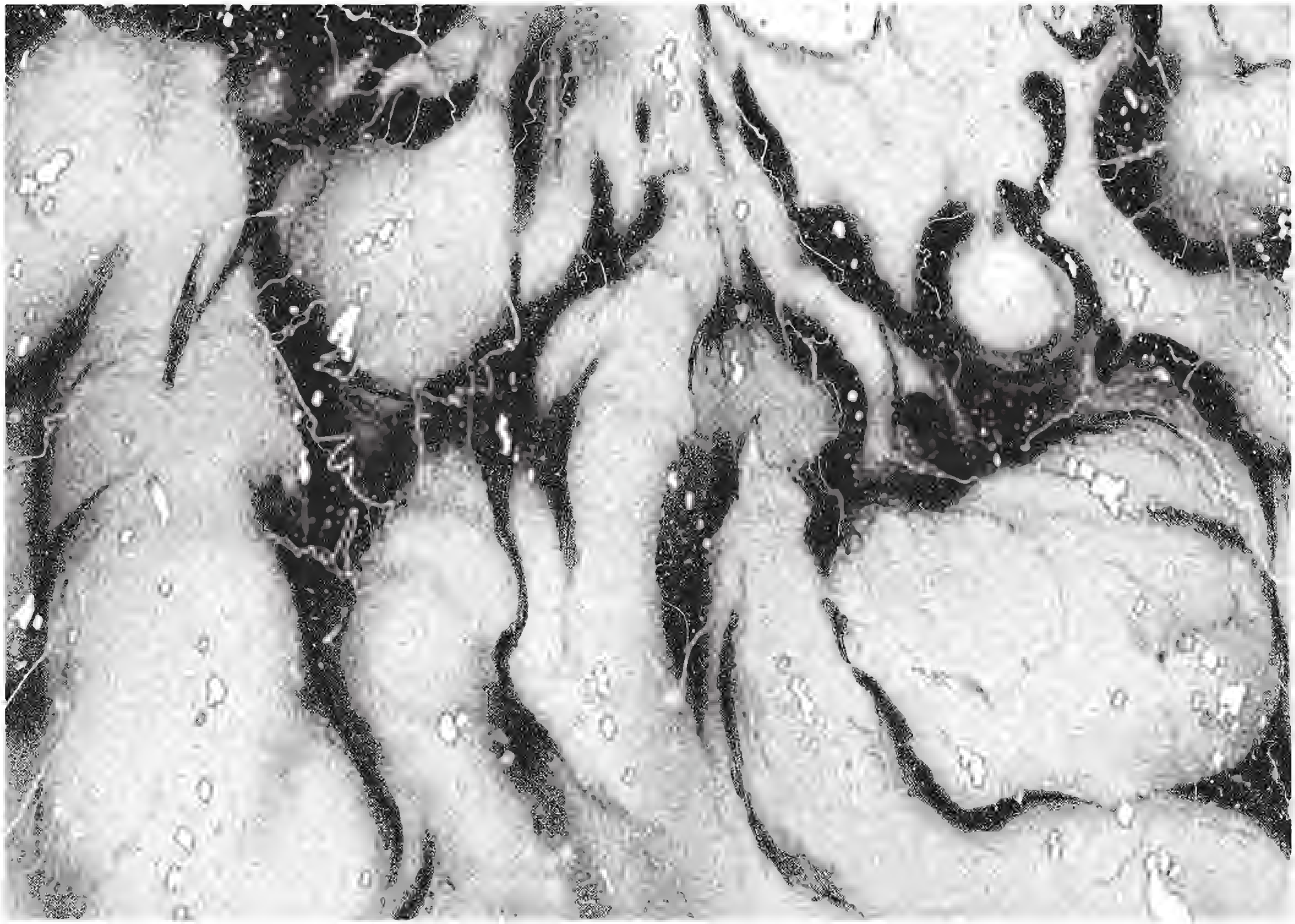
WHZZ

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WHAT IS THIS SMOKE?! IT'S COMING AFTER US!!

BAWOO

ZWHOO






WWWOOO
HAWK MOTH !!
BSHHHT

GET AWAY FROM THE HAWK MOTH!!

BWSHHTT

EVADE !!

EVADE !!

SA-MARI !!

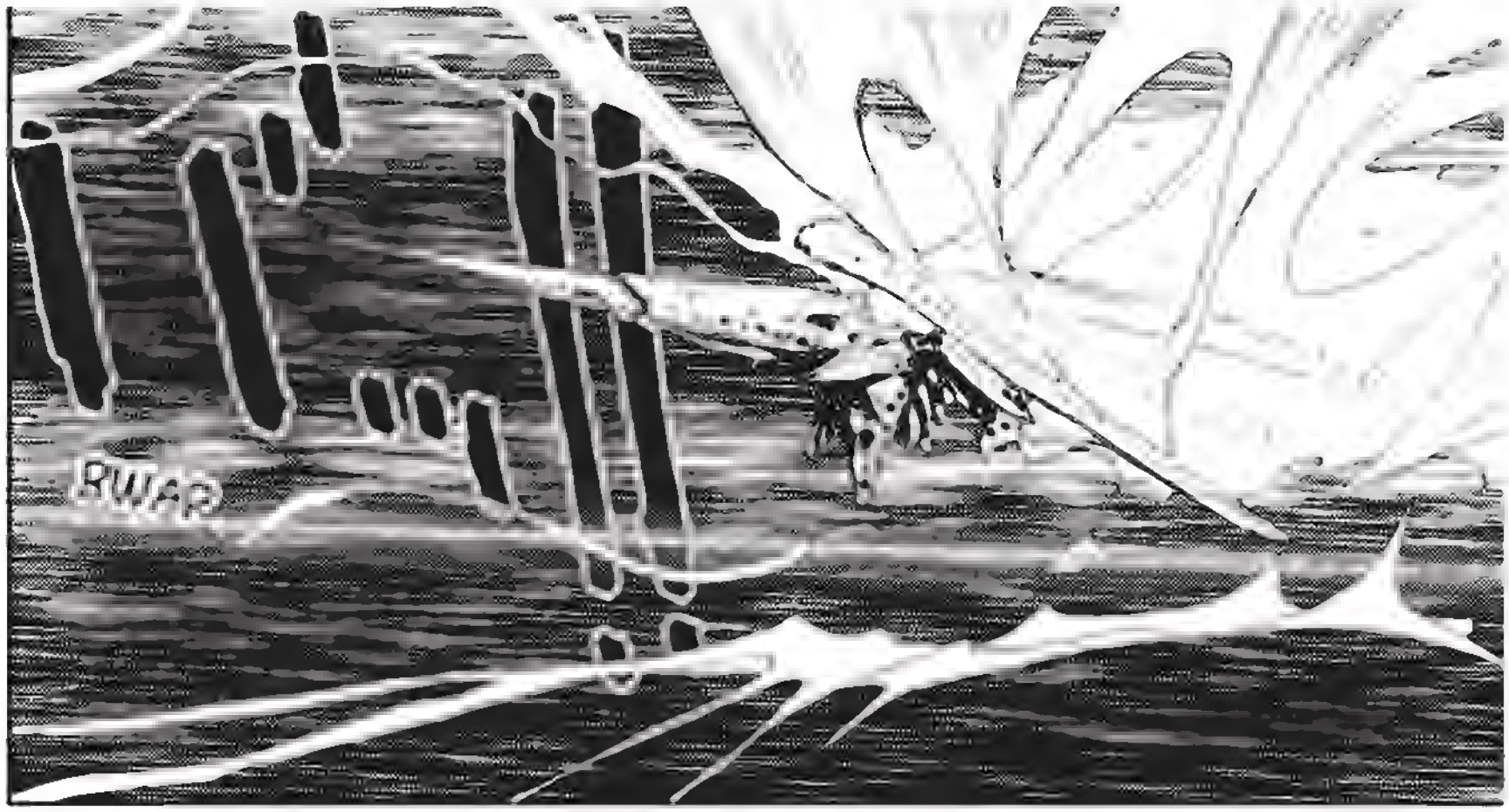
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WT

WT

GWHO

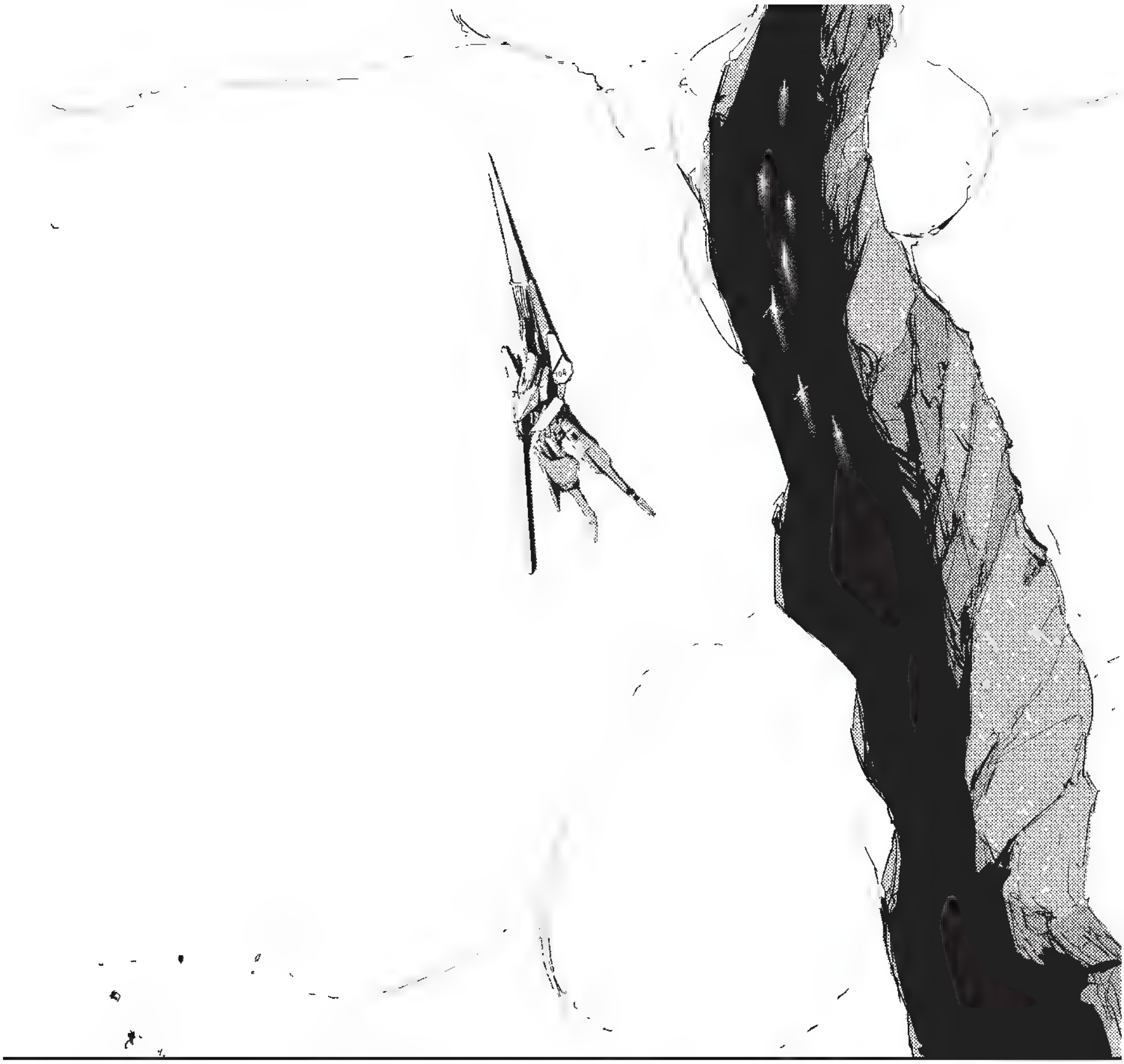

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FTT

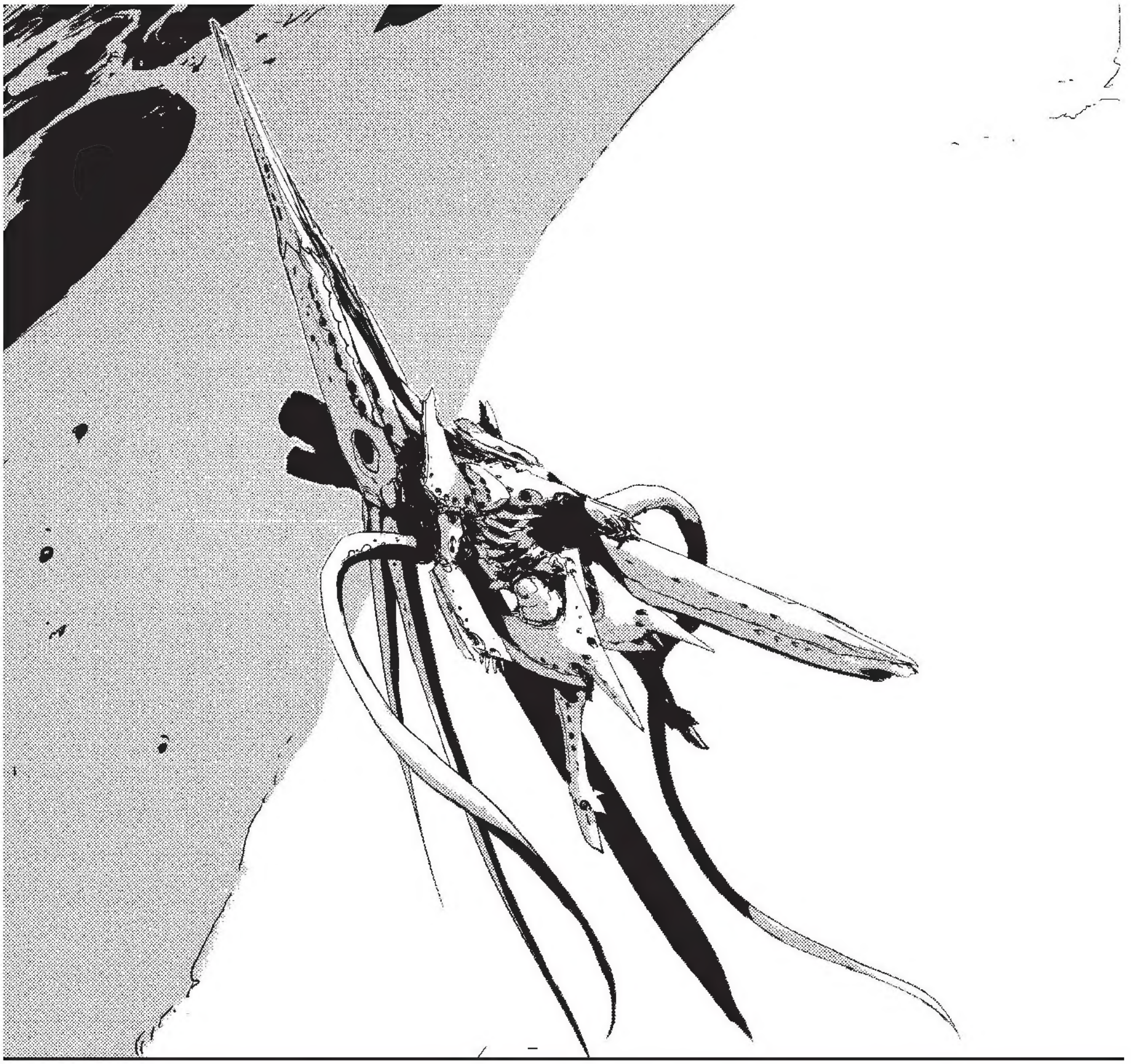



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LET ME TAKE CARE OF THIS!!
GO AND DESTROY THE PRO-PULSION SOURCE!
BUT YOU ALONE ...
BOOM
THE TSUGUMORI HAS ANTI-HIGGS COATING ALL OVER IT!
FWUM
FWUM
AMMO
008/ 10
CHIK CHIK
HURRY !!!
GOT IT! SORRY !!




HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH




P'KRIK

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